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ACT I.

A Ratification of the Fyve Articles of the Generall Assemblie of the Kirke, halden at Perth in the Moneth of August 1618.



URE SOVERAINE LORD, With advyse and consent of the Es-TATES of Parliament presentile conveined, Ratisfies and approves the Acts of the Generall Assemblie of the KIRK, halden at Perth, the xxv day of August the yeare of God Javic and eightene, and concluded the twentie seveth of the same Moneth, Sessione secunda, Whereof the tenor followeth.

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Since

King JAMEs the Sext,

I.



INCE Wee are commanded by God himfelfe, that when wee come to worship him, we fall doune and kneele before the LORD our maker; and considering withall that there is no part of Divine worship more heaven lie and spiritual, then is the holy receiving of the bles-

fed body and blood of Our LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ: Lyk as the most humble and reverend gesture of the body in our meditation and lifting vp of our hearts, best becometh so divine and sacred ane Action. Therefor notwinstanding that our Kirk hath vsed since the reformation of Religion, to celebrat the holy Comunion to the People sitting, by reason of the great abuse of kneeling vsed in the Joolatrous worship of the Sacrament by the Papists: Yet now, seing all memorie of bypast superstition is past. In reverence of GOD, and in due regaired of so Divine a miste-

rie, and in remembrance of fo mysticall ane Union, as Wee are made partakers of; The Assemblie thinketh good, that, that blesfed Sacrament bee celebrated hereaster meeklie and reverentle vpon their Knees.

II.



TEM, if any good Christian visited with long sicknes, and knowne to the Pastor; by reason of his present infirmitie, vnable to resort to the Kirk, for receiving of the holy Comunion, or being sicke, shall declair to the Pastor vpon his conscience, that hee thinks his sicknes to

bee deadlie, and shall earnestlie desyre to receive the same in his house: The Minister shall not deny to him so great a comfort, lawfull warning being given to him vpon the night before, and that there bee three, or source of good Religion and conversation, free of lawfull impediments, present with the sicke person to communicat with him, who must also provyde a convenient place in his house; and all things necessarie for the reverend administration thereof, according to the order prescryved in the KIRK.

III.

that they differre not the Baptising of Infants, any longer then the next Lords day after the Childe be borne, vnletse vpon a great and reasonable cause, declared to the Minister, and by him approved. As also they shall

warne them, that without great cause they procure not their Children to be Baptized at home in their houses, but when great need shall compell them to Baptize in privat houses (in which case, the Minister shall not refuse to doe it, vpone the knowledge of the great need; and being tymlic required thereto) then Baptisme shall bee administred after the same forme as it should have been in the Congregatioun. And the Minister shall, the next Lordes day after any such privat Baptisme, declare in the KIRK; that the Infant was so baptised, and therefore ought to bee received as one of the true slocke of CHRISTS folde.

IIII.



TEM, for-asmuch as one of the most speciall meanes for staying the increase of Poperie, and setting of true Religion in the harts of the People, is; that a special caire bee taken in tryall of young children their education, and how they are Catechized: which in tyme of the

Primitiue K IRK was most carefullie attended, as being most profitable to cause young children in their tender yeeres, drinke in the knowledge of God and his Religion, but is now altogether neglected in respect of great abuse and errours which creept into the Popish KIRK; by making thereof a Sacrament of Confirmation: Therefore that all Superstitions built therevon may bee rescinded, And that the mater it selfe being most necessarie for the education of the youth, may bee reduced to the Primitiue integritie,

1T is thought good that the Minister in euerie Parish shall catechize all young Children of eight yeers of Age, And sie that they have the knowledge, and bee able to make reherfall of the LORDS. Prayer, Beleif, and ten Comandements; with answers to the questions of the small Catechisme vsed in our KIRK: And that euerie Bishop in his visitation shall censure the Minister who shalbe found remitte therein; And the said Bishops shall cause the said children to be presented before them, and blesse them with Prayer for the increase of their knowledge: and continuance of Gods heavenlie graces with euerie one of them.





TEM, as Wee abhorre the superstitious observation of Festivall dayes by the Papists, and detest all licentious and profane abuse thereof, by the comon sort of Professors; So wee think, that the inestimable benefits received from God, by our Lord Jesus Christ his Birth, Passion, Re-

furrection, Ascension, and sending down of the holie Ghost, was commendable and godly remembred, at certaine particular dayes and tymes by the whole Kirk of the world; and may bee also now. Therefore the Atsemblie Ordeines, that euerie Ministershall vpon these dayes have the commemoration of the forsaid inestimable benefits, and make choyse of severall and pertinent Texts of Scriptnre, and frame their Doctrine, and exhortations therto; and rebuke all superstitious observation, and licentious profanation thereof.

Which Articles and Ordinances, OUR SOVERAINE LORD with the advyse and consent of the Estate's Statuts and Ordeins to bee obeyed and observed by all his Majesties Subjects as Lawes in tyme comming; Anulling and rescinding what-someuer other. Acts of Parliament, Constitutions and Customes; In so farre as they are derogative to any of the Articles about-written.

ACT II.

Anent the Taxation granted to his Majestie of Threttie shillings tearmlie, upon the pound Land; And the twentie pennie of all Annuelrents.

N the PARLIAMENT halden at Edinburgh, the fourt day of August the yeere of God 1621. the Estates of Parliamet presentile conveined, considering the infinite expenses and great burding which the Kings most facred Majestie their dread Lord and Soveraine, hath been constrayed by the straittest bonds of Religion to vndergoe of laite, and in all liklie-hood shall lye vnder a long tyme; By procuring by Treatise or Asmes, ease and libertie to those who suffer for the

Gospell of Christ Jesus professed in this Land: And there-withall calling to mynd the long Peace sloorishing with Religion and Justice, which they have enjoyed these many yeeres past; and doe yet still enjoy in this universall combustion of the Christian world, And that by the wyse just and happie governement of his sacred Majestie: And that they have nothing to bee retourned to so great a King for so exceding greate and and rare benefits, but heartie and zealous affections ceeding to no Nation, and ever readie with their goods lands and lyves to mainteine true Religion, his Majesties royall Person and posteritie, their Honours and Crownes. Therefore in most humble maner, The saids whole Estates of this Realme doe earnestlie beseik his most sacred Maiestie, graciouslie to accept this their offer of ane Taxattion to bee imposed collected and payed to his Highnes, by the saids Estates in maner and at the Foure Tearmes

Tearmes following: That is to fay, The Earles, Lordes, and Commissionars of Shyres, for the Temporall Estate have granted, That there shalbe vplifted of euerie pound Land of auld extent within this Realme, pertaining to Earles, Lords, Barrons, Frie holders, and Fewars of his Majestics proper Lands, The Soume of Threttie shillings money at euerie ane of the foure Tearmes following, viz. The Soume of XXX. shillings at the Feast and Tearme of Candlemes next to come, in the yeare of God 1622. The Soumme of other XXX. shillings at the Feast and Tearme of Martinmes in the yeere of God 1622. The Soumme of other XXX. shillings. at the Feast and Tearme of Martinmels in the yeere of God 1623. And the Soumme of other XXX, shillings at the Feast and Tearme of Martinmess in the yeere of God 1624. The Arch-bishops and Bishops for the Spirituall Estate, have granted that there shalbe vplisted of all Arch-bishopriks, Bishopriks, Abbacies, Pryories, and other inferior Benefices within this Realme, at euerie ane of the Foure Tearmes aboue-specified; the just Taxation thereof as they have beene accustomed to bee Taxed vnto at all tyme bygone, when soeuer the Temporall Lands of this Realme wer stented to Threttie shillings of auld extent: And the same Taxation to be payed at euerie ane of the Foure severall Tearmes aboue-specified. And the Commissionars of Burrowes for their Estate, have granted that there shalbee vplitted of all Burrowes within this Realme, at euerie ane of the Foure Tearmes aboue-written, The iust Taxation thereof as they haue been accustomed to bee Taxed in all tyme bygone, whensoeuer the Temporall Lands within this Realme, were stented to Threttie shillings the pound Land of auld extent. And the said Taxation to bee payed at euerie ane of the Foure severall Tearmes aboue-written. And in regaird that his Maiestie hath erected sundrie Prelacies in temporall Lordships whereby the owners thereof may claime to bee Taxed with the Barrons of the Temporall Estate, and there-throw his Highnesse will bee defrauded of a great pairt of the same Taxation.

THEREFORE IT IS Statute and Ordained, that all Erections of Prelacies and other small Benefices, in whole or in pairt, in Temporall Lordinips, shall in payment of the said Taxtion pay to the Collectors thereof so mekle of the same Taxation [pro rata] as if they were no wyse erected, & as they were subject to doe before the erection of the same. And ficlyke, IT IS Statute & Ordeined, That all dissolved Benefices within this Realme in whole or in pairt, shalbee subject in payment of so mekle of the same Taxation [pro rata,] as they wold have been subject to pay so the same had not been dissolved, and that the parties who have gotten any part or portion of any Prelacies or other inferior Benefices diffolved, and new securities made vnto them by his Majestie, of that pairt and portion thereof so dissolved, shalbee subject to the payment of the Taxation thereof to the Prælat or other beneficed Person, for his releife of the same Taxation; as they wold have been, so the same had not been dissolved: Notwithstanding of any condition conteined in the infestments and securities made by his Majestie to them in the contraire hereof. AND FORDER, the saids ESTATES Anulles and discharges all Pri-

viledges and Immunities whatfoever, whereby any perfons may thincke themselses frie of payment of this present Taxation (the Privileges granted to the Ordinar Senators of the Colledge of Justice, and the Taxation

of the Benefices given, disponed, and mortified for the intertainment of the Universities and Colledges within this Kingdome onely excepted.) AS A L S O the faids Estates confidering that befyds the ordinarie charges which his Majestie doth daily vndergoe for the maintenance of the Honour, Estate and Dignitie of his Highnes Kingdomes. The extraordinarie burdings which nowe lye vpon his Majestie by the occasions before-written are so great, and doe so neare concerne euerie Loyall and true hearted Subied of this Kingdome, as members of that body whereof his Majestie is the head: That in duetie they think themselfes bound to beare a pairt of that burden, and to relieve his Majestie thereof. Therefore besides the Ordinar Taxation aboue-written. THE faids ESTATES have for the space of Foure yeeres next and immediatlie following the Tearme of Martin. mess nextocome, Voluntarlie and freelie granted to his Majestie a yeerlie extra-ordinar Taxation of the Twentie pennie of all Annuelrents, which any person or persons within this Kingdome haue freelie due and payable to them yeerlie or tearmlie [their owne Annuelrent wherein they ar adetted to others being first deduced. The first tearmes payment whereof shall bee and begin at the said Feast and Tearme of Martinmess nexttocome, and so furth yeerlie and tearmlie at Whitfunday and Martinmess whill the saids Foure yeeres and the Eight Tearmes payment thereof be fully and completelie out-run. AND for the better tryall of euerie man his Annuel-rent which hee hath yeerlie or tearmlie due to him: IT IS ordeined, That this Act bee published at the market croce of the Burgh of Edinburgh, and of the whole head Burrowes of the Shirefdomes, Stewardries, Bailyeries, and Regalities, within this Kingdome, whereby all his Majesties Leiges may have true notice thereof, And therewithall the saids ESTATES WILLES, Ordeins and Commands, all his Majesties Leiges that have any Annuel-rent payed to them. That they compeire within the faid head Burgh of the Shirefdome, Stewardrie, Bailyerie, or Regalitie, or the head Burgh in any of these Jurisdictions where the head-courts are halden, and where the faids Annuelrenters dwell or haue their ordinar residence, in any court day in ane of the last weekes immediathe preceiding Whitfunday or Martinmels. At which tyme the Shirefs, Stewards, Bailyies, and Bailyies of Regalities, and Provest and Bailyies of Burrows who are heretable Shirefs within them felfes, within the bounds of their Jurisdictions: shalbee oblished to hald Courts weeklie to the effect afterspecified. And the Leiges resorting to the saids courts shal give up Inventors to the Clerk thereof, of the whole Soumes of money for which Annuell is due to them yeerlie and tearmlie, the Names of the Dettors: As also the whole fourmes of money for the which they are subject in payment of annuelrent to others, with the Names of their Creditors to whom the same is due, whether the same annuelrent bee in Victuall or Silver, The annuelrent of victuall to be estimat according to the Stock of money for the which it is payed at Ten for ilk hundreth thereof, And shall cause the parties vpginers of the faids Inventors euerie partie subscryue his owne Inventor him selfe if hee can writte, and if hee cannot writte, the Clerk of the faid court shall subscryue the faid Inventor in face of court before the members thereof. And also the Shirefe, Steward, Bailyie, Bailyie of Regalitie, Provest and Bailyies of Burrowes, who are heretable Shiress within themselves, within the boundes of their jurisdictions: And Clerkes them

themselues shall make, and give up an Inventor of the debtes owing unto themselues, and by themselues, as sayde is. JT JS alwayes provided, that if any person, impeaded by reason of sicknesse, or distracted by fome other just occasion, shall not bee present himselfe, to give up the fayde Inventor, Jt shall bee lawfull for him to cause any honest responsible man, within the Iurisdiction where hee dwelleth, compeire, and giue up his Inventor: Providing the same bee subscribed by himselfe or a Notar at his commaund, which the In-giver shall declare to bee a true Deede, and abide at the same, on the like hazard and daunger as the principall partie should underlye: which shall bee as sufficient as if the Inventor had bene personally given up by the principall party himself. And an Inventor being once made, and given up, shall still stand, and bee a ground to charge any person, during the time of the source yeares of the fayde Taxation, unlesse the partie change, or otherwayes employ his Summes: And then hee shall give up a new Inventor, which shall bee a new ground of a charge, and the former shall cease. And the sayde Clerke shall make a Recorde in his Register of the saydes whole Inventors: which Inventors being fo recorded, shall bee extracted by the fayd Clerke, and subscrybed with his hand, and three Extractes made of the fame: one to bee given to the partie, if hee require the same: another to bee sent, by the sayde Clerke, to the Collecter of the same Taxation: and the thirde, to bee likewise sent, by the sayde Clerke, to the CLERKE of His MAIESTIBS REGISTER, to bee still keeped amongst the Recordes of His Highnesse Excecquer: to the effect it may bee knowne how farre every party is lyable in the payment of the fayde extraordinary Taxation, For the which Extract, and Note made in Register, the sayde Clerke shall have of every person, up-giver of an Inventor, the summe of foure shillinges Scots money. And if by south, or malice, the Clerke shall happen to delay, or shift the Lieges resorting to the faydes Courtes to the effect aforefayde, (Complaint being made thereof to the Lordes of His Majesties Secrete Counsell) the saydes Clerkes shall bee punished accordingly, at the discretion of the saydes Lordes. And at any Court day, præceeding any Tearme, it shall bee lawfull for any person to compease, and offer to give up his Inventor, which the Clerke and Iudge shall bee astricted to receive.

Fur Ther, For the better observation of the sayde Statute, It is declared, That whosoever receiveth, retaineth, or conditioneth to receiue any Annuel-rent, and concealeth the same, or any parte thereof: Or in giving up of his Inventor of Debtes, and Annuels owing by him unto his just Creditors, giveth up more than hee is justly addebted into, Whosoever first discovereth, and revealeth eyther the Annuell concealed, or Annuell which is more than the up-givers just debt, shall for his rewarde haue the halfe of that Tearmes concealed Annuell, and as much as the halte of that Annuell which shall bee discovered to haue beene unjustly given up. And incase it shall happen any person whatsoever, by vertue of his up-given Inventor, to bee charged for payment of his Taxation, and at the time of his charge to declare in præsence of a Iudge, by his great Oath solemnedly sworne, that his Debtor is a Banke-rupt, whereby hee is disabled to make payment of his Taxation, and is contented that the Kinges Majestie shall have the whole Annuell-

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rent addebted unto him by his banke-rupt debter of that Tearme: His sayde Declaration shall be a sufficient Liberation to him of the same. And for eschewing of malicious Dilatours of those who have omitted or concealed their Summes, IT IS ordayned, That whenfoever any perfon thall accuse or dilate another of concealing or omitting of Summes the time of making his Inventor, Hee shall condescende upon some probable cause of his dilation, and shall finde caution, [de judicato solvi] incase he fayle in proving that which he dilateth: And there shall not such actions of dilations bee lawfull against dead persons, their Heyres, nor Exequators: Neyther shall it bee lawfull after yeare and day, after the expyring of the fayde Taxation, to intende any fuch action. And incase any person purchase wed-sette of Landes, and sette the same backe againe in tacke unto him who wed-fette the same to him, The Tackes-man, possession of the Landes, shall pay for the stent of the Landes, and the haver of the wedde-sette shall pay for the Annuell-rent of his money which hee hath on the Land, as if the same were employed for Annuell-rent, ATTOUR, It shall not bee lawfull, by no manner of way, for any Creditour to get reliefe of his Debtor, of this Taxation which is imposed upon Annuell-rentes by this Statute, under the paynes contayned in the Actes of Parliament made against Usurers. And concerning Minors, IT IS declared, That their minorities shall no wayes priviledge them: But their Tutors and Curators thall give up the Inventors of their Annuell-rentes in their names: which if the faydes Tutors and Curators fayle to doe, the faydes Minores shall incurre the like daunger as others, and at their perfect age, shall have action of Reliefe against their saydes Tutors and Curators for that cause. And incase any person depart out of this Kingdome, after the publication of this present Act, the same shall no wayes excuse him from giving up of an Inventor of his Annuellrentes, and payment of the fayde Taxation, and under-lying of the danger contayned in this present Act. But those who are præsently foorth of this Realme, and shall not returne before the Tearme of Martinmesse next, they shall not come under the daunger of this Act, untill the Tearme of Whitfunday next: Providing that at that Tearme they give up their Inventor, and pay their Taxation, as if they had beene præsent within this Realme before the forefayde Tearme of Martinmesse next. And for the up-lifting of the forefayde Texation, graunted upon Annuellrentes, And to the effect His Majesties generall Collector thereof may know now whom to craue and charge for the same, IT IS Statuted and Ordayned, That within every Shyreffdome, Stewardrie, Bayllyerie. and Regalitie, where the Offices of Shyreffes, Stewardes, and Bayllies are heretable: and the Provestes and Bayllies of Burrowes, who are heretable Shyrestes within themselves: These heretable Officiers, and their Deputies, for whome they shall bee holden to aunswere, Shall collect the fayde Taxation, and make payment thereof to his Majesties Collector Generall of the foresaydes Taxations. And where these Offices are not heretable, but changeable, The Clerkes within the faydes Iurisdictions having their offices, [ad vitam] shall bee Collectors thereof. And incase the fayds Clerkes have not alreadie found sufficient Caution for discharging of their dueties in their Offices, they shall bee holden before they haue any intromission with the same Taxation, to finde sufficient Cau.

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tion for that effect. And where there are no heretable Officiers, nor Clerkes, having their Offices [ad vitam] the fayde Collector Generall of His Majesties Taxations (and his Deputies in his name, sufficiently authorized by him: and for whom hee shall bee holden to aunswere, and whose Names hee shall cause publish at the Market Crosse of the head Burgh of that Jurisdiction where there is no heretable Officier nor Clerke [ad vitam,] that his maiesties Lieges may know unto whome they shall make payment) shall collect and up-lift the same Taxation: Which payment beeing made, the Receiver thereof shall bee oblieged to deliver unto the payer thereof an Acquittance upon the receipt of the same, gratis without payment of any money for the same. IT IS likewise provided, That the Fees of the Collectors and Receivers of the fame Taxation of Annuell-rentes, shall bee, Like as heereby they are remitted to the discretion and arbitriment of the Lordes of his Majesties Privie Counsell, to bee set downe, and aggreed upon by them. And the sayds ESTATES hereby discerne and declare, That all Burgesses, and Free-men within Burghs, albeit they bee taxed in the ordinary Taxation aboutwritten, with their Neighboures, conforme to the order præscribed for collecting of the Burrowes parte of the fayde ordinary Taxation; Yet the same shall no wayes Liberate, nor free them from payment of their partes of this Extraordinary Taxation allo, according to the proportion of the twenty penny of their Annuell-rentes ; but they shall bee lyable in payment thereof, as others his Majesties Lieges are. ATTOUR The faydes Estates annull and discharge all Priviledges and Immunities whatfoever, whereby any persons may thinke themselves free of payment of any parte of this præsent Extraordinary Taxation: the Priviledges and Immunities graunted to the Ordinary Lords of Seffion, with the Annuell-rentes due to bee payed to Colledges, Schooles, and Hospitalles, or mortified for fustentation and up-holding of Kirkes and Bridges, with the Annuell-rentes which may bee claymed of poore people, whose Stocke exceedeth not the Summe of fine hundreth markes onely excepted. AND the faydes Estates descearne and ordaine the extraordinary Lordes of the Seffion, together with the whole Advocates, Clerks of the Session, Writers to the Signet, Privie and Great Seales, and other members of the Colledge of Justice, to contribute to the saydes Taxations, such like as if they were not exeemed: And that of their owne consentes, and conforme to their voluntary Offer made by them to his Majestie, and the saydes Estates, upon this special provision, That their fayde voluntary Offer shall not præjudge nor impare their Liberties, Pris viledges, and Immunities in any time comming. Which Offer the faydes ESTATES accepted, and accept: And will, and declare, That their fayde Offer shall no wayes derogate to their Priviledges and Immunities: But that their faydes Priviledges and Immunities shall bee kept, and observed unto them and their Successources in all times comming, unprajudged by the fayde Offer.

C ACT.

A C.T. III.

Anent the Collecting and in-bringing of the Taxation, and reliefe to Prelates.



OR AS MVCH as the ESTATES of this præsent Parliament, upon good and weightie considerations, which mooved them, have freelie and voluntarilie offered and graunted to the Kinges most excellent Majestie, Our SOVERAIGNE LORD, for supplying of a parte of the Great Charges and Expences which His Majestie hath beene constrayned, even by the straytest Bandes of Religion, to undergoe of late, and by all likelyhood shall lye under a long time, by procuring by treatie, or Armes, ease and libertie to those

who fuffer for the Gospell of JESUS CHRIST, professed in this Land, A Taxation to bee payed, collected, and up-lifted, in manner, and at the foure Tearmes following: That is to faye, For the Barrons and Free-holders partes of the same Taxation, thirtie Shillings Scots money, to bee up-lifted of everie pond land of olde Extent within this Realme: Pertayning to Earles, Lordes, Barons, Free-holders, and Fewardes, of our Soveraigne Lordes proper Landes, holden by them immediately of His Majestie, and payed by them at everie one of the source severall Tearmes following: THAT IS TO SAY, The fumme of thirtie shillinges money, at the Feast and Tearme of Candlemesse next to come, in the yeare of GOD, one thousande, fixe hundereth, twentie and two yeares. The summe of other thirtie shillinges money at the Feast and Tearme of Martinmesse, in the yeare of GOD 1622. yeares. The fumme of other thritie shillinges money, at the Feast and Tearme of Martinmesse in the yeare of our GOD 1623. yeares. And the summe of other thirtie shillinges, money aforesayde, at the Feast and Tearme of Martinmesse, in the yeare of GOD 1624. yeares. And for the Spirituall men, and the Burrowes partes of the same Taxation, That there shallbe up-lifted of everie Arch-Bishopricke, Bishoyricke, Abbacie, Priorie, and other inferiour Benefice: and of every free Burgh within this Realme, at every one of the faydes foure Tearmes of payment, the just Taxation thereof, and as they have beene accustomed to bee taxed unto in all times by-gone, whenfoever the Temporall Landes within this Realme were stented to thirtie shillinges money the pound Land of olde Extent: And the same Taxation to bee payed at every one of the foure severall Tearmes aboue-written. A N D for In-bringing of the spiritual mens partes of the same Taxation, Ordaines Letters to bee directed, charging all and sundrie Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, as likewise all Noblemen, and others, in whose favour the Erection of any Prelacie, or other inferiour Benefice, or any part or portion thereof, bee it in Landes, Kirkes, or Teynds, or in whole tavour the Patronage of any Benefice, Kirkes, or Teynds, is past, and all other beneficed Persons contained in the taxt Rolles, their Chalmerlanes. factors and intromettours with their Rentes and living to make payment of that Summe that they and everie one of them are taxt vnto for everie one of the saides foure Tearmes payment to the collector generall to be appoynted by his Majestie, for receiving of the saide whole Taxation, or to his Deputties, and Officiares in his name, having his power to receive the same at the particulare Tearmes aboue-written, under the paine of Rebellion, and putting of them to the Horne. And if they fayle therein at the by-passing of every one of the saydes Tearmes, to denounce the Disobeyers Rebelles, and put them to the Horne: and to escheate, &c. And that the Prælates, and Beneficed persons, and such Noble-men, and others, in whose Favoures the Erections and Patronages aboue-written, are past for their reliefe, haue Letters, charging their Vasfalles, Sub-Vassalles, Ladies of Terce, Conjunct-feears, Life-renters, Fewardes, Tackes-men, and Pensioners, to make payment of their partes of the fayde Taxation, each one of them [pro rata] according to the Summe that they shall bee taxed unto: To the saydes Prælates, and other beneficed Persons, and to the saydes Noble-men, and others, having power to receive the same, within twenty dayes next after the Charge, under the payne of Rebellion, &c. And if they fayle, to denounce, and Efcheate, &c. And to poynd and distrayne therefore, as they shall thinke most expedient: Providing alwayes, That the first Tearmes payment of the fayde Taxation bee ever past, before the next tearmes payment bee Alwayes declaring, that the production of sufficient Horcharged for. ninges against the faydes Vasfalles, Fewars, Tackes-men, and Pensioners, shall bee a reliefe to the saydes Prælates, Lordes of Erections, and beneficed persons: And shall exoner them [pro tanto] from payment of the fayde Taxation: Providing that the same Horninges, with their Taxed Rolles, autentickly made, and subscribed by the saydes Prælates, Lordes of Erections, and Beneficed persons, and by their Fewars, Vasfalles, Tackesmen, and Pensioners, in manner heereafter præscribed, contayning the particular summe which each one of them are taxed unto, bee delivered to the Collector of the same Taxation, within the space of threescore dayes after every tearme: Otherwise, hee shall bee no wayes obliedged to receive the same. Neyther shall the Prælate, Lord of Erection, and beneficed person, bee exonered by production of the same, at anie time thereafter. AND FURTHER, that the faydes Prælates, and fuch Noble-men, and others, in whose favoures the Erections and Patronages aboue-written, are past, and all other beneficed persons, may have their reliefe of their faydes Vassalles, Sub-Vassalles, Ladies of Terce, Conjunctfeears, Life-renters, Fewars, Tackef-men, and Pensioners, to the greater ease, and lesse trouble to their saydes Vassalles, and others foresaydes.

A N D, to the effect that everie one proportionallie may paye his parte of the fayde Taxation, according to the quantitie and avayle of the free rent which hee hath of his Benefice, Landes, Pension, Kirkes, and Tiend Sheaues, pertayning to him, as well the Prelate, Lord of Erection, Patrone, and other beneficed Persons, themselves, as the Fewar, Tackes-man, and Pensioner: I T I S thought expedient, statute, and ordayned, That the saydes Prelates, and others about rehearsed, everie one of them severally shall conveane his whole Fewars, Vassalles, Tacks-

men, and Pensioners, at the particular places hereafter designed: THEY ARE TO SAY, The Arch-Bishop of SAINCT-ANDREWES, at the Citie of Sain&-Andrewes: The Arch-Bishop of Glasgow, at the Citie of Glasgow: The Bishop of Orknay, at the Towne of Kirkewall: The Bishop of Caitnes, at the Towne of Durnoch: The Bishop of Ross, at the Towne of Chaunrie of Ross: The Bishop of Murray, at the Towne of Elgin: The Bishop of Aberdene, at the Burgh of Aberdene: The Bishop of Brechin, at the Burgh of Brechen: The Bishop of Dunkeld, at the Towne of Dunkeld: The Bishop of Dumblane, at the Towne of Dumblane: The Bishop of Galloway, at the Towne of Wigton: The Bishop of Argyle, at the Burgh of Inneraray: The Bishop of the Yles, at the Burgh of Rothsay, in Bute: The Abbot of Icolmekill, at the Burgh of Innerness: The Prior of Ardchattane, at the Burgh of Inneraray: The Abbot of Ferne, at the Burgh of Thayne: The Lord of Bewlie, at the Burgh of Innernels: The Lord of Kinloss, at the Burgh of Forres: The Prior of Pluscarden, at the Burgh of Elgin: The Lorde of Deir, at the Towne of Peterhead: The Prior of Fyvie, at the Towne of Turreff: The Prior of Monymuske, at the Towne of Monymuske: The Lord of Arbroith, at the Burgh of Arbroith: The Lord of Scone, at the Burgh of Pearth: The Lord of Cowper, at the Towne of Cowper, in Angus: The Prior of Restenneth, at the Burgh of Forfar: The Collector of the Taxation, in place of the Prior of Charter-house, the Seate nowe vacand, at the Burgh of Pearth: The Prior of Elcho, at the same Burgh of Pearth: The Prior of Straphillane, at the Burgh of Inneraray: The Lord of Inchaffray, at the Burgh of Pearth: The Prior of Inchmahomo, at the Burgh of Sterling: The Prior of Sain&Androis, at the Citic of Sainct-Androis: The Bayllie of the Regalitie of Dumfermling, at the Burgh of Dumfermling: The Lord of Balmerinoch, at the Burgh of Cowper in Fyfe: The Lord of Lindores, at the Burgh of Cowper in Fyfe: The Masters of Sain& Leonards Colledge, in Sain&-Androis, for the Prior of Portmook, at the Burgh of Cowper in Fyfe: The Prior of Pettin-weyme, at the Burgh of Petrin-weyme: The Lord of Sain&-Colmbe, at the Burgh of Innerkething: The Lord of Culros, at the Burgh of Culros: The Abbot of Cambuskynneth, at the Burgh of Sterling: The Lord of Torphichin, at the Burgh of Linlithgow: The Prior of Manuell, at the Burgh of Linlithgow: The Lord of Holy-Rud-house, at the Burgh of Edinburgh: The Lord of Newbottle, at the Burgh of Edinburgh: The Prioresse of Hadington, at the Burgh of Hadington: The Lorde of the Temporall Landes of the Priorie of North-berwicke, at the Burgh of Northberwicke: The Patron, and Parson, of the Kirke of Kynnewchar, dissolved from the Priorie of North-berwicke, at the Towne of Ely: The Patron, and Parson, of the Kirke of Largo, dissolved from North-berwicke, at the Towne of Largo: The Patron, and Parson, of the Kirke of Mayboill, dissolved from Northberwicke, at the Burgh of Mayboill: The Patron, and Parson, of the Kirke of Logy, dissolved from Northberwicke, at the Burgh of Sterling: The Lord of Kelfo, at the Towne of Kelfo: The Lord of Coldinghame, at the Towne of Eymouth: The Lord of Dryburgh, at the Towne of Dryburgh: The Prior of Ecclis, at the Towne of Dunss: The Prior of Cauldstreame, at the Towne of Dunss: The Lord of Jedburgh, at the Burgh of Jedburgh: The Lord of Melros, at the Towne

Towne of Melros: The Lord of Paisley, at the Towne of Paisley: The Lord of Blantyre, at the Burgh of Glasgow: The Lord, and Baylie of the Temporall Landes of Kilwynning, at the Burgh of Irwing: The Tatrons, and Tarsons, of the Kirks of Kilwynning, dissolved from the Abbay of Kilwynning, at the fayde Burgh of Irwing: The Abbot of Corfraguell, at the Towne of Mayboill: The Prior of Whitehorne, at the Burgh of Whitehorne: The Abbot of Saulsett, at the Burgh of Whitehorne: The Prior of Sainct-Marie Yle, at the Burgh of Kirkcudbright: The Lord of Dundrenane, at the Burgh of Kirkcudbright: The Lord of Glenhuce, at the Burgh of Wigton: The Abbot of Toungland, at the Burgh of Wigton: The Abbot of New-Abbay, at the Burgh of Dumfreis: The Abbot of Holywood, at the Burgh of Dumfreis: The Prior of Cannabie, at the Burgh of Annand: The Barron, and Baylie, of the Barronie of Brouchton, dissolved from the Lordship of Holy-Rude-house, at the Burgh of Edinburgh: The Heritoures of the one hundreth pounde Land of the Barronie of Monkland, dissolved from the Lordship of Newbottle, at the Citie of Glasgow: The Ministers of Felfoord, at Aire: Scotlandwell, at Sainct-Androis: Peibles, at Peibles: The Patron, and Parson, of the Kirke of Dundie, dissolved from the Abbacie of Lindores, at the Burgh of Dundie: And all other small beneficed Parsons, at the Paroch Kirkes of their particular benefices. And that they conveane, to the effect abouewritten, upon the penult day of October, next to come, in the yeare of GOD one thousand, sixe hudreth, twentie one yeares: which is declared to be the precise day appoynted for all their Vassalles, Fewars, Tacksmen, and Pensioners, to keepe the sayde Meeting. And that no farther Citation, nor Summonding, shall bee requisite, than the Proclamation and publication of this present Act, at the Market Crosses of the Head Burrowes of this Realme.

AND HEREWITH it is resolved, by the saydes ESTATES, That if anie Vassall, Sub-Vassall, Fewar, Tackes-man of Teyndes, Pensioner, or anie other, justlie bound to make reliefe to the Prelate, Lorde of Erection, Patron, or other beneficed Parson; of anie parte of the sayde Taxation: Shall sende anie procuratoures in his name, sufficientlie authorized, to the fayde Meeting: The same shall not only excuse the absence of the principall partie: but the procuratour in all thinges shall bee admitted, and received, to doe, and performe, in the Distribution of the layde Taxation, what could, or lawfully might have beene done by him who fent him. IT IS in like manner declared, That the Prelate, Lord of Erection, Patrop, or other beneficed Person, impeded by disease, or distracted upon some other necessary occasion, from attending that Meeting, having his absence supplied that Day, by anie sufficient worthie person, whome hee shall appoynt, and authorize, to that effect, Shall bee as lawfull, as if hee were personallie present himselfe. And the partie so authorized, shall bee admitted, and received, in all thinges, to doe, and performe in the Distribution of the same Taxation, what could, or lawfully might have beene done, by him who fent him. IT IS Fare ther Statuted, and Ordayned, That at the fayde Daye of Meeting, the faydes Prelates, Lordes of Erections, Patrones, and other beneficed perions, thall by themselues, or their procuratours lawfully authorized, 25 layde is, fense and holde a Court, call by Name, and Sur-name, upon

everie one of their Vassalles, Sub-Vassalles, Fewars, Tacks-men of Teynds, Pensioners, and others, oblished to relieue them of anie parte of the fame Taxation: And lawfull time of day beeing bidden, shall shew to their faydes Vasfalles, Fewars, Tackef-men, and pensioners, or their procuratours compeiring for them, the quantitie of the Taxation imposed upon their prelacie, erected Lordship, or other benefice, autenticklie subscribed by the Clerke of the same Taxation. And they all, at the least so manie of them as shall conveine for this effect, with one consent, shall distribute the same, to bee payed by everie man, as well by the prelate, Lord of Erection, and present possessour of small benefices, for the Free Rent that everie one of them hath of their prelacies, erected Lordinips, and small benefices, as by the Vasfall, Fewar, Tackes-man, and pensioner, according to the great or small quantitie of the Free Rent which everie one of them hath, eyther of their Landes, Teyndes, or pensions. Which Certification to anie of the faydes persons, Fewars, Vasfalles, Tackes-man, or pensioner, that compeireth not by themselues, or their procuratoures at the day and places aboue-specified, to the effect aforesayde: That such as shall conveine with the saydes prelates, Lordes of Erections, patrones, and other beneficed persons, or their procuratoures, shall proceede in the equall distribution of the same Taxation, as well amongst them that are absent, as present: And shall make, and subscribe, an autenticke Taxt Rolle there upon. And, incase that none of the saydes Vassalles, Fewars, Tackes-men, and pensioners, shall conveine at the day and places abouespecified, to this effect, by themselves, or their procuratoures, but shall wilfullie absent themselves from the sayde Meeting, It shall bee lawfull for the faydes prelates, lordes of Erections, patrones, and other beneficed persons, being present, by themselves, or their procuratoures, at the daye and places aboue specified, to make, set downe, and subscribe the same And incase any of the saydes prelates, lordes of Erections, patrones, and other beneficed persons, shall not conveine, by themselves, or by their procuratoures, at the day and places aboue specified, particularlie designed to enerie one of them, It shall bee lawfull for the saydes Vasfalles, Fewars, Tackes-men, and pensioners, at the least so many of them as shall conveine, by themselues, or their procuratoures, to make, fet downe, and subscribe the sayde taxt Rolle. Which taxt Rolle shall containe the particular Summe that every one shall bee found justlie to bee addebted to pay, the parties name addebted to pay the fame, and the cause wherefore the same ought to bee payed. And being so set downe, eyther by the prelate, lord of Erection, patron, and other beneficed person, or their lawfull procuratoures, with so many of their Vassalles, Sub-Vassalles, Fewars, tackes-men of teyndes, pensioners, and others, oblished to relieue them of anie part of the same taxation, as shall conveine with them to this effect. And incase that none shall conveine with them, the same Rolle being then set downe, by the prelate, lord of erection, patron, or other beneficed person, or their lawfull procuratours: Or incase of their absence, being set downe, made, and subscribed by so many of the sayds Vassalles, Fewars, tackel-men, and pensioners, as by themselues, or their procuratours, shall conveine themselues for this effect, THE SAIDS ESTATES Decernes to bee as lawfull in all respects, as if the whole number of persons having entres therein, had conveined, made, set down,

and subscribed the same. Which taxt Rolle being so set downe, made, and subscribed, in manner aboue written (and no otherwayes) and delivered to the Clerke of the taxation, The sayds ESTATES ordaines him to give warrant for giving of letters of Reliefe there-upon, Discharging him in any case to give warrant for giving of letters of Reliefe upon anie Rolle presented unto him, not made, and autenticklie subscribed, in forme aboue written, as hee will aunswere to the contrarie, upon his perill.

I S likewise Statuted, and Ordained, that tackes men of teynds shall have Reliefe upon their sub-tackes-men, [pro tanto] respect being had to the gersome payed by the saydes sub-tackes-men. And for inbringing of the Barrones and Free-holders partes of the same taxation. and of the Fewars and Rentalles of our Soveraigne Lordes proper lands their partes thereof, Ordaines letters to bee directed, charging all and fundrie Shyreffes, Stewardes, Bayllies, their Deputies and Clerkes, Fewars, Chamberlaines, and Receivers of our Soveraigne Lordes proper landes, That they, and every one of them, within the boundes of their Offices, rayle, and up-lift, the Summe of thirtie Shillinges, money of this Realme, of every pound land of olde Extent; lying within the boundes of their Jurisdictions, for every one of the foure tearmes aboue specified: and in-bring, and deliver, the same unto the Collector aforesayde: or to his Deputies, and Officiars in his name, having his power to receive the fame, at the particular tearmes aboue specified, under the payne of Rebellion, &c. And if they fayle at the by-passing of every one of the laydes tearmes, To denounce, and escheate, &c. And for their reliefe. that letters bee directed, Charging all, and fundry Earles, Lordes, Barrones, Free-holders, Fewars, and Rentallers, of our Soveraigne Lordes proper Landes, personally, or at their dwelling places: And by open Proclamation, at the Market Crosses of the Head Burgh of the Shyrestdome, Stewardrie, or Bayllierie, where their Landes lye, if they bee within this Kingdome: And if they bee without this Kingdome, by open Proclamation, at the Market Crosse of Edinburgh, Peire and Shore of Leith, upon threefcore dayes warning, to make payment unto the faydes Shyreffes, Stewardes, and Bayllies, their Deputies, and Clerkes, Chamberlaines, and Receivers of our Soveraigne Lordes proper landes, everie one of them for their owne partes [respective] of the fayde Summe of thirtie Shillinges, money forefayde, for every pounde lande of olde Extent pertayning unto them for every one of the faydes foure tearmes payment, within twentie dayes next after they bee charged thereto, under the payne of Rebellion, &c. And if they fayle, To denounce, and escheate, &c. And if neede bee that the saydes Shyresfes, Stewards, Bayllies, their Deputies, and Clerkes, Chamberlaines, and Receivers of our Soveraigne Lordes proper landes, poynd and distrayne the readiest Goods and Geare being upon the faydes Landes therefore, as they shall thinke most meete, and expedient. And that the saydes Earles, Lordes, Barrones, Free-holders, Fewars, and Rentallers of our Soveraigne Lordes proper landes, have letters for their reliefe, to charge their Vasfalles, Sub-Vassalles, Ladies of Terce, Conjunct-seears, and Life-renters, to make payment of their partes of the fayde Taxation, within twentie dayes next after the charge, under the payne of Rebellion, &c. And if they tayle, D

fayle, to denounce, and escheate, &c. And if neede bee, that they poynd, and distrayne: Providing alwayes, that the first tearmes payment of the fayde Taxation bee ever past before the next tearme be charged for. And for in-bringing of the Burrowes parte of the same taxation, Ordaynes letters to bee directed, Charging the Provest, and Bayllies of each Burgh, to make payment of the Taxt and Stent thereof, to the Collector Generall foresayde, his Deputies, and Officiares, in his name, having his power to receive the fame, at the particular tearmes above specified, under the payne of Rebellion, &c. And if they fayle, to denounce, and escheate, &c. And for their reliefe, that letters bee directed, charging all, and fundry Inhabitantes within each Burgh, to conveine, and elect certaine persons, to stent their Neighboures. And the sayde Election being made, to charge the persons elected, to accept the charge upon them, in setting of the sayde Stent upon the Inhabitantes of every Burgh: and to conveine, and let the fame, and make a Stent Rolle there-upon, as effeires, within twentie foure houres next after their charge, under the payne of Rebellion, &c. And if they fayle, to denounce, and escheate, &c. And such like, the sayde Stent Rolle beeing made, and fet downe, as fayde is, To charge the Burgesses, In-dwellers, and Inhabitantes, within each Burgh, To make payment of their partes of the fayde Stent, to the faydes Provest and Bayllies, conforme to the taxt Rolle, to be given out there-upon, within three dayes next after the charge, under the payne of Rebellion, &c. And if they fayle, to denounce, and escheate, &c. And if neede bee, that the saydes Provest and Bayllies poynd and distraine therefore, as they shall thinke most expedient. IT IS alwayes provided, That no person whatsoever bee stented, or taxed within Burgh, except according to the avayle, and quantitie of his Rent, Living, Goods, and Geare, which hee hath within Burgh: no wayes respecting his Landes, nor Possessions, which hee hath to Landward; for the which hee will bee oblished to pay taxation to other Officiars. Providing alwayes, that the first tearmes payment of the fayde taxation bee ever past, before the next bee charged for,

ATTOUR, His Highnesse, and His saydes ESTATES, Decernes, and declares, that the charges to bee given for payment of the sayde Taxation, shall bee executed before the tearmes of payment about specified, for every tearmes payment particularly by it selfe. And that the denunciation of Horning, sollowing there-upon, shall not bee executed until the tearmes of payment bee by-past. Which denunciation so sollowing, upon the charges given before the saydes tearmes of payment, the saydes ESTATES decernes, and declares, to be valide, and

fufficient.

ATTOUR, His MAIRSTIE, and the fayds ESTATES, Considering the great abuse which hath beene used in all times by-gone, by sundry of the Lieges of this Realme, against all good conscience, in causing their poore Fermorers, Tennentes, and Labourers, of their Ground, being removeable, who are subject in payment of very deare Fermes, and other Dueties, to relieue them of the whole burden of the by-gone Taxations: which hath beene the occasion of Impoverishing of a great number of the saydes Fermorers, Labourers, and Tennentes, and bringing of them to utter wracke, and ruine: Whereas of reason they should

bee altogether free from the payment of any Taxation, and the same should bee payed by such as haue Free Rentes, Landes, and Goods, of their owne. FOR REMEID whereof, It is statuted, and ordayned, That no persons whatsoever, exact or compell his Tennentes; or Fermorers, removeable, who paye Ferme, and other deare Dueties, for the Landes occupied by them, to pay any parte of this present Taxation, or to sute reliefe at their handes of the same. And if the same bee sounde done by any persons, that they shall bee called, and conveined therefore, before His Highnesse Justice, and his Deputies, as violent and masterfull Oppressources of His Highnesse Subjectes; and punished therefore accor-

ding to justice.

AS ALSO, the faydes ESTATES confidering that besides the ordinary charges which His Majestie doeth daylie undergoe for the maintaynance of the Honour, Estate, and Dignitie of His Highnesse Kingdomes: the extraordinarie Burthens, which nowe lyeth upon His Majestie, by the occasion before written, are so great, and doeth so neare concerne every Loyall and true hearted Subject of this Kingdome, as Members of that Bodie, whereof His Majestie is the Head, That in duetie they thinke themselues bound to beare a parte of that Burthen, and to relieue His Majestie thereof : THEREFORE, Beside the ordinarie Taxation aboue written, the faydes ESTATES have for the space of foure yeares, next, and immediately following the Tearme of Martinmess next to come, voluntarily, and freely, graunted unto His Majestie, a yearely extraordinarie Taxation, of the twentie pennie of all Annuell-rentes, which any person or persons within this Kingdome hath freely due and payable unto them yearly or tearmly, (their owne Annucli-rentes, wherein they are addebted to others being first deduced.) The first tearmes payment whereof shall bee, and beginne, at the sayde Fealt and Tearme of Martinmels next to come: and so foorth, yearely and tearmely, at Whitfonday and Martinmess, untill the saydes foure yeeres, and the eight tearmes payment thereof, bee fully and completely out-runne.

AND WHEREAS The faydes ESTATES have, by Act of Parliament, authorized all and fundrie heretable Shyreffes, Stewards, Bayllies, and Bayllies of Regalities, and their Deputies, and the Proveftes and Bayllies of Burrowes, who are heretable Shyreffes within themselfs, within the boundes of their Jurisdictions: as likewise the Clerkes, within the Jurisdictions where these Offices, are not heretable: which Clerkes have their Offices, [ad vitam] to collect the fayde extraordinarie Taxation, and make payment thereof to the Collector Generall, to bee appoynted by His Majestie for receiving of the same. THEREFORE, and for in-bringing of the same extraordinary Taxation, The saydes ESTATES Ordaines Letters to bee directed, Charging all, and fundrie the faydes heretable Shyreffes, Stewardes, Bayllies, Bayllies of Regalities, and their Deputies, and the faydes Provest and Bayllies, who are heretable Shyreffes within themselves, as likewise the Clerkes within the Jurisdictions where these Offices are not heretable, That they, and everie one of them, by North the River of Dee, within the space of fisteene dayes, after every Tearme of Martinmess and Whitsondaye: and that they, and every one of them, by South the River of Dee, within the space

of ten dayes after every Tearme of Martinmess and Whitsonday, deliver to His Majesties sayde Collector Generall, a true and just Accompt and Inventor, of the whole Summes of money due to bee payed by any person within the boundes of their Jurisdiction, for his parte of the sayd extraordinary Taxation: And that they give up the same Compt and Inventor upon their Oath, folemnedlie sworne, that the same is just and true: And make payment unto His Majesties sayde Collector Generall, or to his Deputies in his name: having his power to receive the fame of the whole moneyes due to bee payed to His Majestie, conforme to the favde Compt and Inventor, within twentie dayes after each tearme, under the payne of Rebellion, &c. And incase the saydes Shyresses, Stewardes, Bayllies, Bayllies of Regalities, and Clerkes fayle, to denounce, and escheate, &c. For whose reliefe, that Letters bee directed, Charging all, and fundry the faydes Annuell-renters, to make payment to the laydes Shyreffes, Stewardes, Bayllies, bayllies of Regalities, Clerkes, Provest and Bayllies of Burrowes, of the sayde twentie pennie of all Annuellrentes, freelie due and payable to them, within twentie dayes next after the charge, under the payne of rebellion, &c. And if they fayle, to denounce, and escheate, &c. And if neede bee, that the saydes Shyreffes, Stewardes, Bayllies, Bayllies of Regalities, Clerkes, Provest and Bayllies of Burrowes, poynd and distrayne therefore, as they shall thinke most meete and expedient.

AND His HIGHNESSE, and ESTATES forefaydes, Ordains the Lordes of Session, to bee onelie Judges to all suspensions to bee craved and suted by anie of our Soveraine Lordes Lieges, touching the saydes Taxations. Which Suspensiones, His MAIESTIE and ESTATES foresaydes sindes, may bee graunted upon lawfull and equitable reasons to bee considered by them: and discharges all other Judges within this Realme, of graunting of anie Suspensiones thereament. With power to the saydes Lordes to diligate fiue at the least of their ordinarie number, as they thinke expedient, To sit, cognosce, and de-

cyde the faydes Suspensiones, in time of vacance, if neede bee.

ACT. IIII.

An Act of Ratification, in Favour of the PRINCE His Highnesse.



UR SOVERAINE LORD, With Advise and Consent of the ESTATES of PARLIAMENT, Ratifies, Approues: and for Himand His Successoures, perpetually confirms all, and whatsoever Infestments, Gifts, Donationes, and others Rightes, and Titles, made, or granted by his MAJESTIE, or any others His moste Noble Progenitoures to His High-

nesse, CHARLES, PRINCE and STEWARD of SCOT-LAND, His MAIESTIES Dearest Sonne, or any others His Highnesse, the Prince, Predecessoures, Princes, and Stewardes of SCOTLAND, of whatfoever Landes, Lordships, Barronies, Superiorities, Offices, Teyndes, Annuell-rentes, Advocations, Donations, and Rightes of Patronage of Kirkes, Benefices, Chaplainries, Alterages, and others, whatfoever, where ever they lye within the Kingdome of SCOTLAND: together with all Actes of Parliament, others Actes, Lawes, Statutes, Consuetudes, Immunities, Honoures, Priviledges, Prærogatiues, and Liberties, whatfoever made, introduced, or Joysed, by His Highnesse, the Prince, or any His Highnetle Prædecetsours, Princes of SCOTLAND, in any time by-gone. Notwithstanding whatsoever Actes of Parliament, other Actes, Lawes, or Constitutions, which may appeare to derogate to the same, Or that may or can bee extended, or bee interprete in the contrary thereof, eyther Speciall or Generall. AND FURTHER declares, that this Generall Ratification shall bee as affectuall, as if all and fundry the faydes Inteftmentes, Giftes, Donations, Actes, Priviledges, Immunities, Prærogatiues, and others foresaydes, were at length heerein expressed, named, and numbred. Anent the which His Majestie, with advite and consent of the ESTATES, have dispensed, and dispense, by these præsentes: Reserving alwayes the Landes, and others, alligned for the entertaynment of the Castle of Dym-BARTANE, to bee applied to that use, untill some other provifion bee made thereto, in place of the same.

ACT V.

Anent the Plantation of Kirkes, as yet unplanted.



UR SOVERAINE LORD, understanding that there bee diverse Kirkes within this Kingdome, which by the late Commissione, appoynted for Plantation of Kirkes, in the Parliament holden in Iunij, 1617. were not setled, nor provided with constant Stipendes: But which yet remayne dissurnished, and unprovided of competent meanes to bee

given to the Ministers, who shall bee provided to the charge and function of the cure of the same. AND THEREWITH also, His Majestie considering, That there have beene heeretofore sundry Kirkes united together, and conjoyned in one, Albeit upon good considerations, It may bee found more expedient, That the same union bee dissolved, and that the saydes Kirkes bee provided severally, with distinct Functions, and separate services, at such places where the commodie may affoorde, in the same manner, as if no such union had beene made. And such like, because there bee some Kirkes, whereof the Parochine is of so large boundes, that manie of the Parochiners, dwelling in rowmes of the Parochine

rochine, so remote from the Kirke: who for the great distance of the place, or for the interjecting of Waters betwixt their rownes, and the Kirkes, which oftentimes, and especiallie in Winter, are not passable, or for some such other knowne impediment, cannot have accesse, and repaire to the Paroche Kirkes, at the ordinary times appointed for Divine Service, and Worthip, and enjoye the comfort of the exercise thereof. AND OUR SOVERAINE LORD, according to the Princelie, and Godlie Indewmentes, wherewith His Majestie is singularlie blesfed, being most carefull to establish all good, and propagate the Religious, and true worshippe of GOD, universallie throughout all this whole Kingdome: Where-thorowall of His People may have occasion to participate the benefite of the Worde, without feeling of anie of these Præjudices, growing from the aboue-written occasions: Which His Majestie, in his Royall and Fatherlie care over his People, is moste desirous to have removed: THEREFORE, His Majestie, with expresse advise, and consent of the ESTATES of Parliament, Hath graunted full power and Commission, to the Lord Chaunceller for the time: AND to the Reverende Fathers in GOD, John, Arch-Bishoppe of Sain&Andrewes: Iames, Arch-bishop of Glasgow: Alexander, Bishop of Dunkell: Adame, Bishop of Dumblane: Andro, bishop of Galloway: John, Bishop of Caitnesse: Sixe persons nominate for the Clergie, and Prælates. And incase of deceasse of any of them, to Patricke, bishop of Rosse: and Patricke, Bishop of Aberdene. Which two persons the Es-TATES have nominated, to supplie, and become, in the place of anie of the other fixe aforefaydes, if anie of them shall happen to deceasse before this Commission bee finished. TO WIT, The first of the two, in place of the first of the fixt deceasing: To John, Earle of Winton: Robert, Earle of Lowthiane: Thomas, Earle of Melrosse: John, Vicount of Lauderdaill: John, Lorde Balmerino: David, Lorde Carnagie: Sixe persons nominate for the Nobilitie. And incase of any of their deceasse, To John, Earle of Wigton, nominate to become in the place of the first deceasing: And Walter, Earle of Buckcleuch, nominate to become in the place of the second. To the Commissioners under-written nominate for the Barrons: To wit, Sir Richard Cockburne, of Clerkington, Knight, Lorde Privie Seale: Sir William Levingstoun, of Killythe, Knight: Sir James Dondas, of Arneistoun, Knight: Sir Archebald Naper, of Merchingstoun, Knight: Sir Andro Ker, of Phairnichirst: Alexander Lauder of Haltoune. And incaseof anie of their deceasse, To David Crichtoun, of Lugtoune: and Sir John Hammiltoun, of Prestoun, Persons nominate, to become in order, as they are named, in place of any of the fixe deceasing. And to Iohn Byres, burgesse of Edinburgh: Master William Fergussone, burgesse of Dondie: Andro Bell, burgesse of Linlithgow: Robert Taylor, burgesse of Sainct-Andrewes: Master Iames Cockburne, burgesse of Hadingtoun: and Sir George Bruce, of Carnok, Knight, burgesse of Culros: Sixe persons nominate for the Burrowes. And incase of anie of their deceasse: To Alexander Clerke, Merchant, burgesse of Edinburgh: and Master Alexander Wedderburne, Clerke of Dondie: persones nominate, to supplie in order any of the other sixe Commissioners foresaydes deceassing. VV HICH foresaydes Commissioners, or any source of each Estate nominate, as sayde is, consenting

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and agreeing in one voyce, shall have power to consult, conveine, and determine, upon the matters, and in manner under-written: Providing alwayes, That there is, and shall bee requisite to the validitie of any Act, Conclusion, Ordinance, and Determination of the sayds Commissioners, The conjunct assent of source of every one of the saydes source Estates, all agreeing together in one voyce. Without the which Consent of the sayds source of every Estate so agreeing, The rest of the saydes Commissioners shall have no power to make any valide, or effectual Conclusion, by vertue of this present Commission: But whatsoever shall bee otherwayes done, is declared to bee of none avayle, force, nor effect.

THAT IS TO SAY, Our Soveraine Lord, and Estates of Parliament, by the Tennor heereof gives, grauntes, and committes, full power and authoritie to the faydes Commissioners, to meete, and conveine, in the Towne of Edinburgh, at such time, and times, as they shall appoint, and finde convenient: And there-to call, and summonde before them, all Patrones, Tackef-men of Teyndes, great and fmall, and others, having Right, by whatfoever Title to the Teyndes of any of the Kirkes within this Kingdome, which are not already planted by the forefayde first Commission: and which shall any wayes bee medled with by this præsent Commission, as they shall thinke necessary, and expedient, To exhibite, and produce before them, their Rightes and Titles, whereby they claime the faides Teyndes, to bee seene, and considered, by the saides Commissioners: With power unto them, out of the saides Teyndes, of every Parochine and Kirke, not already planted: To appoint and assigne, at their discretions, a perpetuall local Stipende to the Ministers præsent, and to come at all the saydes Kirkes, unprovided, as sayde is: A N D that notwithstanding any Right or Title prætended by the faides Tackes-men, or others, in whose Favoures Teyndes have beene erected: With power also, to the saides Commissioners, to disunite fuch Kirkes, one or moe, as were united of before, and appointed to bee ferved by one Minister. And as they upon good considerations shall find requifite to appoint the same to bee served by severall Functions, and Charges, as distinct Parochines, after such manner as shall bee found by them most expedient. Providing alwayes, That all parties having interesse in the union, and disuriting of the saides Kirkes, and plantation thereof, giue their expresse Warrand and Consent thereunto.

I N the which case of Plantation, and provision of the Kirks which shall be disjoyned as saide is, the præsentation of the Ministers shall be appointed by the saides Commissioners, to pertaine to the Patrons, conforme to their Right thereof, to bee produced before them. And as the saides Lordes Commissioners shall finde most agreeable, with reason and equitie. With power likewise to the saides Commissioners, to appoint and set downe such solide order, for erecting and building of new Kirks, in anie Parochines, where they shall finde necessitie, and convenience to doe the same, and where the Parochiners are not præsently well and commodiouslie served at the præsent Kirkes of the Parochine, as they shall finde most expedient. And the saides Kirkes being erected, with power to the saides Commissioners, to provide the same with such proportion of Stipendes, as they shall finde may bee with least præjudice, and best commoditie, made out of the fruites of the sayde Parochines, to

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To the which building, and making of new Kirks, and providing the same with competent Stipendes, The saydes ESTATES sindes, and Declares, That it shall bee expresselie necessarie, that the Patrones, Tackesmen, and other parties, having Interesse in the Erection and building of the saides new Kirks, and in the planting and provision thereof foresaide, give their expresse Warrand and Consent there-unto. Which beeing so had, and obtayned, With Power to the saides Commissioners, to pro-

ceede therein as is most agreeable with reason.

IT IS Alwayes Declared, That in all, and everie one of the Ca. ses aboue-written: That Is To Say, Eyther in providing of Kirkes not planted of before, or in difuniting of Kirkes formerly joyned: and appointing of severall and distinct Stipendes to the same : Or in the Erecting of new Kirkes, and provision of them, with Ministers, and Stipends. The saides Commissioners shall have expresse power and warrande, To determine, and appoint such proportion and quantitie, as they shall finde expedient, eyther amounting over the fumme of fine hundreth Markes, or beneath, and under the same, as they shall finde may most convenientlie and commodiouslie bee had: after the consideration of the quantitie and estate of the Fruites of the Kirke, and the case wherein the same is: and as may bee with least præjudice spared out of the same. A N D The faydes ESTATES Findes, and Declares, That the saydes Commissioners thall have no power by vertue of this Commission, To alter, or meddle with any Kirke, which was fetled by vertue of the forefayd Commission, graunted in Anno 1 6 1 7. yeeres: Or to chaunge the estate thereof in any wayes: Or yet to erect, builde, or provide, any new Kirke without the special and expresse consent of all parties, having Interesse, had, and obtayned there-unto: Without whose consentes, it shall not bee lawfull for the faydes Commissioners, in any wayes, to touch the saydes Kirkes so provided: But the same are expressely excepted (Except incase of consent foresayde) out of this præsent Commission.

AND ALSO, For as much as the faydes ESTATES of Parliament, Considering the particular Petitions and Supplications after specified, given in to them by the persons under-written, to the effect following: To wit, A Petition given in, by Thomas Burnet of Leyes, Desiring a new Kirke to bee erected, and builded, within the Parochine of Fetteresso, upon any parte within the same Parochine, most ewest for the instruction of the Parochiners of Fetteresso, who dwell most remote from the præsent Kirke thereof. Item, a Supplication given in by the Gentlemen and Parochiners of the Parochine of Roisnethe; Desiring, That the Kirke of Roisnethe, for the causes specified in their Supplication, founded upon the incommodious situation of the sayde Kirke, might bee transported out of the Yle of Roisnethe, where it præsently standeth, to that parte of the mayne Land of the fayde Parochine, called the Lands of Ardinconnell, as place most convenient, and indifferent for the whole Parochiners to refort unto. Item, a Petition given in, by Iohn, Earle of Wigton, Lord Flemming, and Cumbernauld, and remanent Parochiners of the Parochine of Leinzie: craving licence to transporte, found, builde, and erect, the Kirke of the saide Parochine of Leinzie, præsently standing at the West ende of the Parochine thereof; to any other parte of the fame Parochine, neare the middest thereof, most convenient for the ease of the whole Parochiners: And being builded, to bee declared to be the onely Kirke of the fayde Parochine of Leinzie. Item, two Warrandes, given in under His HIGHNESSE Hand, Concerning the appointing, and determinating, which of the two Kirkes of Larbaire and Donypace, formerly united, should bee the ordinary place of publicke Divine Service of the saides two Parochines, As in the same two Patentes contayning their owne severall Desires at more length is contayned. Item, a Petition given in, by the parochiners of the parochines of Kilcharrane, Kilmichaell, and Kilchuslane, united by the former Commission: and of the parochines of Kilcolmkill, and Kilblane, also united by the same Commission: all lying within Kintyre: Desiring libertie for building and crecting of a Kirke for ferving of the first three parochines, with another Kirke for serving of the two last parochines, both united as sayde is. Item, a Supplication given in, by Iohn, Lord Hay, of Zester, and the posfessoures of the Landes of Rodonno: Desiring, that the same Landes of Rodonno, with the pertinentes, should bee declared to have beene, and to bee in time comming, a parte of the parochine of Lyns, as also craving, that it might bee lawfull to the fayde Iohn, Lord Hay, of Zester, to builde a Kirke upon the moste commodious place of his Landes of Rodonno, or Meggett, for serving of the Inhabitantes thereof, at such times as they should bee impeded by storme of weather, from comming to the Kirke of Lyns. Item, a Supplication given in, to the fayds ESTATES, Defiring, that the diffolution of the fourty pounde lande of Buchanane, from the Kirke of Lusse, and union thereof, to the Kirke and parochine of Inschealzieoche, done by the former Commission, might bee now ratified: and the same fourty pounde lande, declared to remaine in time comming, as a parte of the parochine of Inschoalzieoche. Item, a petition given in, by Patricke, Bishoppe of Aberdene: Desiring the ES-TATES, to give power to the forelaydes Commissioners, to ratisse and approue the voluntary Dissolutions of the former unions of these Kirkes within his Diocie, to the severall provisions, whereof the parties having Interesse there-intill, have consented, and to admitte these who make offer at the fight of the Bishoppe and Presbyterie where the Kirkes lye, To provide the same severally, Albeit they shall not make out the full Rate and Stipende appoynted by the last Commission. And last, a petition given in, by the Minister at the Kirke called Christes Kirke, at Udney: Craving the same Kirke to bee sufficiently planted, and provided, with a constant and locall Stipende, and the same made sure to the Minister serving the cure at the sayde Kirke, as the foresaydes Supplications, Petitions, and Patentes [respective] aboue-written, in themselues more fully proportes.

AND, Finding the Desires foresaydes reasonable, Our sayde Soveraine LORD, and ESTATES of Parliament, Giues, Grauntes, and committees, full power and authoritie, to the saydes Commissioneres, to appoynt, determine, and sette downe, such solide Order anent the whole particulars aboue-mentioned, and every one of them, as they after consideration and triall had, and taken, by them there-anent, shall sinde moste expedient, and agreeable with reason. To the doing where-of, in every one of the particulars foresaydes, (Except anent the building

of a newe Kirke within the parochine of Fetteresso, as is desired by the Laird of Leves) THE ESTATES Findes, and Declares, That it shall bee onelie necessarie to summonde all Patrones, Tackes-men, and other parties whatfoever, having Interesse in the particulars foresaydes, to heare, and see order taken, in the præmisses thereanent: That after Citation, the Commissioners may consider of the Interesse and præjudice, if anie shall bee qualified by anie person before them, anent the particulars aboue-mentioned: and may then proceede therein, as they shall finde most expedient. But the ESTATES findes, and declares, That in the fetling and determination of the first particular aboue-mentioned, anent the building of a newe Kirke within the parochine of Fetteresso, There shall bee expresselie requisite, the special and expresse consent and warrand of the parties, having Interesse there-intill: By, and beside the Citation and Summonding of them to that effect: AND findes, and Declares, That the Decreete and Sentence of the faydes Commiffioners, to bee given by them in all the particulars forefaydes, and every one of them shall have the strength, force, and authoritie of a Sentence, and Act of Parliament, such like as the same had beene, done, and deter-

mined, by the faydes ESTATES themselves.

A N D Because Reason and Equitie craveth, That recompense should bee made unto the Tackes-men, and other persones whatsoever; who shall bee by the Sentence of the faydes Commissioners, hurt and præjudged of their præsent profite, which they may lawfullie bruike, by vertue of their Titles and Rightes, established in their persons: and upon whome, by vertue of the fayde Sentence, anie Burthen of the Sustentation and provision of the saydes Kirkes and Ministers is to be imposed: THEREFORE, Our Soveraine LORD, and ES-TATES of Parliament, Giues full power, and commission, to the faydes Commissioners, so to proceede in the determining of the sayde recompense, that incase the Lorde, or anie other, having Right to erected Prælacies, who shall bee cited before them, refuse to take the Burthen of Plantation of anie Kirkes belonging to the faydes erected Prælacies, which are in anie of the cases aboue-written: And that upon their refufall, (The same refusall being first found reasonable by the saydes Commissioners) the burthen of the sayde plantation shall bee layde and imposed by the saydes Commissioners, in whole, or in parte, eyther uppon the principall Tackes-men of anie of the Fruites of the saydes Kirkes: Or incase of the Tackes-mens refusall, the burthen bee imposed uppon the Sub-Tackes-men thereof: The faydes Commissioners shall have power to decerne, appoint, and ordaine, such particular recompense to bee given unto the faydes Tackef-men, or Sub-Tackef-men, by renewing of their Tackes, or Sub-Tackes, after the expyring thereof, upon fuch conditions, as the faydes Commissioners shall finde reasonable. Respect being had to the qualitie and proportion of the burthen to bee imposed upon them, within the time of their Tackes and Rights, farther than they are aftricted by their faydes Rightes: or by appointing fuch other reasonable satisfaction, as they shall finde the sayde burthen and distresse under-gone by anie of them shall deserue, and require.

LIKE AS The fayds Commissioners shall have such like power to determine, decerne, and appoint such particular satisfaction, and recom-

pense, to bee given eyther to Laicke-Patrones, or to the Tackes-men of the Fruites of the Kirkes, belonging to the lyke patronages and Sub-Tackef-men thereof, as they shall thinke may bee aunswerable to the burthen to bee imposed upon eyther of them, for the cause aboue-written proportionallie. J N THE præscribing of the which recompense, The saydes Commissioners shall have speciall respect, what confideration they finde reasonable to bee given to the saydes Patrones, for their consentes to the Tackes, if anie shall bee appointed, and decerned to bee fette, and given unto the faydes Tackef-men, for recompense forefayde. A N D if anie beneficed person, upon just and reasonable cauics, refuse to provide anie Kirke belonging to their benefice, according to the order heereby præscribed, whereby the burthen of plantation, or farther provision of the Kirke, must necessarilie lye upon the Tackes-men or Sub-Tackes-men of the Fruites thereof: The saydes Commissioners, in that case also, shall decerne such recompense to bee given to the laydes Tackel-men, and Sub-Tackel-men, for their loffe and præjudice fustayned, As the saydes Commissioners shall finde the same shall me. rit, by renewing of Tackes unto them, upon fuch conditions as may requite their losse: Or by finding out some other reasonable meane:

which may repayre the fame.

AND OUR sayde Soveraine LORD, with Advise and Consent of the saydes ESTATES, Declares, statutes, and ordaines, that all Tackes, which shall bee decerned by the faydes commissioners, to bee given in recompense to anie person whatsoever, for the causes abouewritten: And which shall bee sette for obedience, and conforme to the fayde Decreete, and Sentence, whatfoever yeares, or long space the saids Tackes shall comprehende, shall bee good, lawfull, and sufficient securities, to the persones in whose savoures the same are appointed to bee given, and conceaved. Neyther shall the fame bee anie wayes prajudged, by the Act made in the Parliament holden in Anno 1617. By the which it is Statuted, THAT no Arch-Bishop, Bishop, or Prælate, should sette in Tacke anie parte of their patrimonie, for longer space nor nineteene yeares: A N D, That no inferiour beneficed persons shall fette in Tacke any parte of their Benefice for longer space nor their owne life times, and fine yeares there-after, as the faide Statute proports: From the which Statute the faydes Tackes so appoynted to bee set, and given in recompense, are, and shall bee excepted, and reserved, and thall no wayes come under the compasse of the same Act and Statute, nor in anie thing therein contained. But the same shall remayne, and abide, valide, and sufficient Rightes, for the whole space, and yeares appoynted therein, according to the Tennor thereof: notwithstanding of the fayde Act and Statute. And because it may fall foorth, That in the recompense to bee appoynted, by the sayds Commissioners, to the Patrones, Tackef-men, and Sub-Tackef-men, for the aforefayde burthen to bee imposed upon them, Moe yeares may bee affigned for prorogation of their præsent Tackes, nor may lawfully, or convenienly bee sette, by the præsent beneficed persones, to whome by Law the setting of Tackes of Teyndes belonges.

FOR REMEID Thereof, Our Soveraine LORD, with advise and consent of the saydes ESTATES, Declares, Statutes, and Or-

daynes, That it shall bee lawfull for the commissioners foresaydes, to appoynt as many yeares after the expyring of the præsent Tackes, to the Tackef-men of the faydes Kirkes, and Teyndes: Or to the patrones or Sub-Tackes-men [respective] for bruicking of the saydes Teyndes, for recompense of the sayde burthen, as they shall thinke reasonable: Which shall bee as good, valide, and sufficient Rightes, to the saydes patrones, Tackef-men, or Sub-Tackef-men, [respective] and unto their Heyres and Assignes, for bruicking, possessing, and disponing on the faydes Teyndes, during the faydes yeares of prorogation: As if good, lawfull, and valide Tackes and Rightes of the faydes Teyndes had beene fette, and made to them, by the Titulares of the Benefices, to whom the fame belonged: With consent of all parties having Interesse. WITH expresse provision, and declaration, That at the expyring of all the saydes yeares, the right of the faydes teyndes, and power to sette tackes thereof, shall returne, and appertayne to the aforesaydes titulares of the foresaydes benefices, as they did before the making of this præsent AND OUR sayde Soueraine LORDE, with advise of the ESTATES, Declares, and Ordaynes this præsent Commis. fion to beginne upon the tenth day of Januarie, next to come: with continuation of dayes: and to last, and endure, during the space of yeare and day thereafter. After the which time, the same shall cease, and expyre: And ordaynes the Decreete, and Sentence of the fayds Commissioners, in all the particulares foresaydes, and everie one of them, to haue the strength, force, and authoritie of a Decreete, Sentence, and Act of Parliament. For obedience whereof, the Lordes of Session shall direct, and graunt Letters, in forme as effeires, and according as shall bee necessarie, Which commission aboue-written, taking force, and full effect, in all the faydes particulares therein contayned, as the fame are fet downe, and comprehended therein, by pronunciation of decreete and featence upon the same, conforme to the power therein comprehended, given unto the fayds Commissioners.

OUR SOVERAINE LORD, with expresse consent, and assent, of the ESTATES, in that case, findes, and declares, That no persone, in whose favoures the teyndes of Kirkes, and Benefices, are erected: nor no other, whatsoever, bruicking teyndes, by vertue of rightes lawfullie made to them of the same, according to the Lawes of this Realme then standing, shall bee ever farther altered, or quarrelled in anie of their sayds rights in anie time to come, farther than shall be appoynted by the sayde decreete and sentence to follow upon this præsent Commission. But the saydes rightes and securities incase foresayde, shall remayne in their owne strength, force, and esset: as good, lawfull, and sufficient rightes, and securities, unto them, and everie one of them, for their owne partes, for bruicking and enjoying of the saydes teyndes, conforme to the tennour of the saydes rightes, for now, and for ever.

of Parliament, Confidering that His Majesties Lieges are greatly damnissed, and præjudged, by the abuse and evill custome, which heeretofore hath beene observed in Comprisinges: whereby Lordships, Barronies, and other great portions of Landes are comprised for small summes of money: and

thereby the compriser hath right to the mailes, dueties, and profites of the Landes: notwithstanding that they farre exceede the profite of that furnme of money for the which the faydes Landes are comprised. FOR remeide whereof, It is statuted, and ordayned, That the compriser shall haue no further right to the mailes, fermes, and dueties of the comprifed landes, by vertue of the comprising ledde at his instance, during the yeares and space that the same is redeemeable, but onelie to such parte and quantitie thereof as will corresponde to the Annuell-rent of the fumme, at ten for the hundreth, for the which comprising is ledde with this provision alwayes, and expresse declaration. That if the mailes and duetis of comprised landes exceede the proportion of the annuell-rent of the forefayde fummes, for the which the comprising is deduced, and that the compriser please to intromet therewith, and according thereunto, that hee haue intromission with the same, in that case his foresayd further intromission, which shall extende to any greater quantitie than will justlye satisfie him of the toresayde annuell-rent, shall bee ascribed, in payment and satisfaction of his principal summes, [pro tanto.]

LIKE AS THE ESTATES findes, and declares, That the fame further intromission shall bee ascribed in that payment of the sayd principall summe: So that if it shall happen that the quantitie of the mailes and dueties to bee intromitted with by the compriser, to extende unto as much as will fatisfie the whole principall fummes, with the ordinarie annuell-rent thereof, according to ten for each hundreth, and the expences bestowed by the compriser, in passing, and obtaining Infestment of the Superiour, of whome the Landes are holden: together with the annuell-rent of the faydes fummes, so given by the compriser to the Superiour, for entering of him to the comprised landes, and the necessarie expenses and charges waired and bestowed by the fayde compriser, in leading and deducing the fayde comprising, in that case, thereafter the comprising to expyre [ipso facto] and to cease in all times following. AND IF that the person against whom comprising is led bee Minor, and of leffer age, IT IS statuted, and ordayned, that it shall be lawfull to him at any time within his perfect age of twentie fine yeares complete, to redeeme the faydes comprised Landes, by payment of the fummes for the which the fayde comprising was ledde, and of the lawfull annuell-rentes thereof, according to ten for each hundreth. Together with the expenses bestowed in passing and obtayning of the Intestment from the Superiour, and ordinarie annuell-rent of the same : together also, with the necessarie expenses bestowed in leading and deducing

of the fayde Comprising, as is aboue-writen. And that notwithstanding of the preceeding Lawes, and Practique of this Kingdome, by the which the Legall reversion of comprised Landes, expyred within seaven yeares after the leading of the comprising: From the which His Majestie and Estates hath, by this præsent Act, and Statute, excepted Minors, in all times comming, declaring the same no wayes to runne against them. BUT IT IS Declared, That if a Minor redeeme not Landes comprised, (the right of Reversion whereof is competent in his person) within feaven yeares after the leading of the fayde Comprising, but according to the benefite graunted unto him by this præsent Act, suffer the comprised Landes to remayne unredeemed, with the compriser, during all the yeares of his Minoritie, and leffe age: then, and in that case, the compriser shall have good right, to meddle, and intromet, with the whole Mailes and Dueties of the comprised Landes of all these yeares subsequent, after the expyring of the saydes seaven yeares, and interveining betwixt them, and the faydes yeares of his Majoritie, and perfect age of twentie fine yeares complete: Notwithstanding that the dueties of the landes extende to more than will aunswere to the annuell-rent of the money, for the which the lande is comprised. And if it shall happen a Minor, having right to redeeme comprised landes, as sayde is, to deceasse before hee bee of perfect age of twentie fine yeares, and that another Minor bee Heyre, or succeede unto him in his right of reverfion, and title, competent to him, for redemption of the faydes comprifed landes: that Minor fo succeeding in the rightes, shall have the same libertie, and priviledge aboue-written, for redemption of the fayds landes, fuch like, and in the same manner, as if they had beene comprised from himselfe, wherein hee shall no wayes bee præjudged by the yeares which ran after the comprising, in the life time of that person Minor in whose right hee succeedeth, but that hee may such like lawfully redeeme the same at any time before his Majority, as sayde is.

AND IT IS Declared, That incase any Minor, having the right of the fayde reversion competent unto him, shall happen to decease after the expyring of feaven yeares out-runne, after the fayde comprising, and that a person of persect yeares succeede to the sayde Minor, in the right of his reversion aforesayde: in that case the sayde person Major so succeeding, shall bee holden and aftricted to redeeme the fayds comprised Landes, within the space of yeare and daye after the deceasse of the fayde Minor, in whose right hee succeedeth. Otherwayes, the sayde redemption not being used by him within that space, hee shall bee perpetually secluded from all benefite, which hee may clayme by the reversion and fuccession thereunto foresayde, and all power of redemption of the faydes landes, by vertue thereof. But if at the time of the Minors deceasse, all the saydes seaven yeares were not expyred, It shall bee lawfull for his fayde Successour (being Major) to redeeme, within the space of fo many of the faydes feaven yeares as were not out-runne the time of the Minors deceasse: such like as if the saydes Landes had beene comprised from the sayde Minor himselfe. Which time being expired, and hee doing no diligence, hee shall bee excluded from the benefite of his

reversion.

AND IT IS specially provided, That in all the aboue-written

cases, if the comprised Landes bee not worth such yearly quantitie of Maile and Duetie, as will proportionally effeire to the Annuell-rent of the fayde Money, at ten for every hundreth, for the which comprising is ledde: or being worth that the same is exhausted by other lawfull deeds: which may render the same unprofitable to the compriser, and unaun-Swerable to the Annuell-rent of the summes, for the which he hath comprifed, eyther in whole, or in parte: then, and in that case, the redeemer (whether hee bee Major, or Minor) shall bee holden, before hee can redeeme, or out-quite the faydes Landes, from the compriser, to resounde, and pay to him, the full Annuell-rent and profite of the summes, for the which the Landes were comprised, so farre as hee wanteth, and inlackerh, by the benefite of his fayde comprising. And if the rent of the Land so comprised, consist in Victuall, The estimation and consideration thereof, shall bee had according to the common prices of Victuall in those Shyres where the comprised Landes lye: according as the same giveth betwixt Zuile and Candlemesse. AND the sayds ESTATES Declares, That this aboue-written Statute shall no wayes extende, nor bee præjudiciall, to comprisinges, which are alreadie præscribed, before the date of this præsent Act.

ACT VII.

Anent Adjudications.



TATES OF PARLIAMENT, Considering the great præjudice sustanted by diverse and sundry Creditoures, by deceasse of their Debtors: who being præveined by the diligence of their Concreditors, by obtayning of Sentences of Adjudication of their defunct Debters, Landes, and Estate, In respect of the resusal of the nearest of Kin, to enter Heyres

to them, are secluded from participation of any parte of the Landes and Goods pertayning to their faydes defunct Debtors: they beeing common Debtors to the laydes whole Creditors, contrarie to all equitie and FOR REMEID Whereof, It is Statuted, and Ordayned, reason. THAT All Adjudications to bee obtayned by anie person at any time heereafter, of anie of their defunct Debtors, Landes, and Estate whatfoever, with all Rightes and Infeftmentes following thereupon, shall bee redeemeable from the partie obtayner of the faydes Sentences of Adjucation, their Heyres, and Assignes, at anie time after the pronouncing of the same, AT The Instance of anie Concreditor of the sayde Defunct Debtor, or of anie Creditor of the fayde person, who renounceth, To bee Heyre to his Prædecessors, Who shall happen thereaster to obtayne Decreete of Adjudication, against the appearing Heyre of the defunct Debtor: And that within the space of seaven yeares; next and immediatelie following the obtayning of the faydes Sentences of Adjudication, by payment of the summes of money specified in the saydes Sentences: Together with the Annuell-rent of the same summes, according to ten for each hundreth thereof, during the time of the not-redemption of the same: and of the expenses sustayned by them in obtayning of the laydes

faydes Sentences, to bee taxed, and modified, by the Lordes of Counsell and Session. By payment of the which summes, the sayde Concreditor shall come in the place and right of the partie from whome hee redeemeth: And shall bruicke the same by vertue thereof, perpetually thereafter: Except it shall happen an other Concreditor, who shall obtayne the like sentence of Adjudication, to redeeme the same from him, within the space aboue-written. In the which case, it is declared, That the partie redeemer in the second, third, or sourth rowme, and so foorth, so long as there are anie Concreditors, shall bee oblished not onelie to paye the summes contayned in the Adjudication, obtayned at the instance of the partie from whom hee redeemeth: But also the whole summes, which were payed by him unto the former Concreditors, for redemption of their Adjudications, with the Annuell-rent, and expenses, in manner

aboue specified. IS Alwayes declared, That if the partie from whome the faydes Adjudications shall bee redeemed, did up-lift the Fermes and Dueties of the Landes, and others, contayned in the Adjudicationes: THAT then, and in that case, the partie redeemer shall not bee holden to pay anie annuell-rentes, or expences: but in so farre as the same annuell-rentes, and expences, exceede, and are more, than the Mailes, Fermes, and Dueties, intrometted with by the partie, from whome the fame is redeemed. AND if the faydes Mailes, Fermes, and Dueties. exceede both the annuell-rent, and expenses, JT JS Declared, That the Super-plus shall bee allowed in the principall summe, by the fight of the Lordes of Counsell. Consideration being had of the pryces of the Fermes, and Victuall, as the same were commonlie solde betwixt Zuile and Candlemesse, in the Shyressdome where the Landes lye. I T IS alwayes Declared, That these præsentes shall no wayes bee extended to Decreetes, and Sentences of Adjudication alreadie recovered.

AND Such like, JT JS declared, That incase any Minor, who hath renounced in his Minoritie, bee reponde [in integrum] against the same Renunciation: That then, and in that case, hee shall have place to redeeme, from the whole Creditoures, by payment of the saydes whole summes owing unto them, and whereupon they obtayned Adjudication in maner, and with the provisions about specified. And all the rest of the Priviledges graunted to Minors, in Comprisinges, to bee likewise graunted in Adjudications: which are heere holden as repeated.

ACT VIII.

Anent the Extracts of Infeftments, past upon Comprisinges, foorth of the Privie Seale: where the same are not registrated at the Great Seale.



UR SOVERAINE LORD, and ESTATES of this præsent Parliament, Understanding that sundrie His Majesties Lieges, who for great summes have comprised their Debtours Landes, are heavilie præjudged, thorowe the fraudfull abstracting, or destroying of the Writtes, Infestmentes, or Confirmations of the saydes comprised Landes: the saydes Writtes,

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Writtes, Infeftmentes, and Confirmations, not beeing registrated in the Register of the Great Scale. HEEREFORE, whereas anie Creditour hath comprised Landes, holden of His Majestie, and cannot recover forth of the persons hands, from whom the same are comprised, the KINGES Right, and Confirmation of the same Infestment, given unto them thereof, Lest the negligence of the partie, not registrating the Infestment or Confirmation, after the passing thereof at the Great Seale: Secunded with the subsequent fraude, in abstracting and destroying the principall Right and Confirmation, should unjustly indamnage the true Creditor, and Compriser: HIS MAJESTIE, with Advise and Consent of the saydes ESTATES, Willes, and Declares, That if the faydes Infeftmentes, and Confirmations of the faydes persones, from whom the faydes Landes are comprised, have past the Privie Seale, and bee registrated in the Register thereof: That notwithstanding the want of the Infeftment and Confirmation under the Great Seale, or the Extract thereof: the Extract of the sayde Infestment, or Confirmation, foorth of the Register of the Privie Seale: The same thereafter beeing past the Great Seale, at any time shall bee a sufficient Right to the Compriser, whereby to possesse and enjoye the Lands comprised: Conforme to the Lawes made anent Comprisinges: as freelie in all respectes, as if the faydes Infeftmentes and Confirmations were extant, and registrated in the Register of the Great Seale. PROVIDING Alwayes, That this præsent Act shall no wayes hurt nor præjudge any thirde perfone, who hath Infeftment or Confirmation of the faydes comprised Landes, past the Great Seale of an anteriour date to the sayde Infestment, so past the Great Seale, in manner aforesayde: But shall bee onelie of force and effect against that persone, from whome the Landes are comprised, his Heyres, and Successours.

ACT IX.

Anent giving of Licence to Bishops, to set their VV arde Landes in Fiew Ferme.

UR SOVERAINE LORD, And ESTATES of Parliament, Understanding, That a good number of Kirke Landes, pertayning unto Bishoprickes, & their Chaptours, are disponed of olde to bee holden by Service of Warde, and Reliefe: Which forme of holding yeeldes no præ-

fent nor constant Rent and Commoditie: but is onely a casualitie which vaketh not often: and when it vaketh, is gifted and disponed by the præsent Titulars, to their owne particular use, without any benefite to their Successours. WHEREAS, If the saydes Kirke Landes were sette in Fiew Ferme for a competent yearly Duetie, the same woulde not onelie augment, and meliorate the estate of the Benefice; but also diminish the occasion of applying of Kirke rentes to particular uses. AND HIS MAJESTIE, out of his Royall eare, and Princely disposition, intending the præservation of the estate of the saydes Bishoprickes, and their Chaptours: And therefore, beeing moste earnest to avoyde and remoue this evill: HIS MAJESTIE, and ESTATES, Statutes and Ordaynes, That it shall bee lawfull for all Bishoppes, and Members of Chaptours, who have Lands holden of them by Service of Warde and

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Reliefe, to sette the same in Fiew Ferme, for payment of a competent Fiew Ferme duetie, and doubling the same at the entrie of the Heyre: Providing, That the sayde Fiew Ferme duetie bee aunswerable to the retoured duetie of the landes: And where the landes have not beene retoured, That the retoure bee ruled according to the custome of retoures of landes in the Countrey of the like valour, where the saydes landes lye: And declares, That this præsent Statute shall remayne in sull force and essect, for the space of three yeares after the date heereof onelie, and no longer, while farther order bee taken thereanent.

ACT X

Act declaring summes Grasse, given to the Ministers, for their Gleybes to bee Teynd-free.



UR SOVERAINE LORD, And ESTATES of this præsent Parliament, Considering in the sisth Parliament holden by His Majestie, upon the twentie sine day of Iulie, in Anno one thousand, sine hundreth, soure score, and eighteene yeares: Cap. 62. His Highnesse, with advise and consent of the ESTATES, Found,

and Declared, That the Ministers and Readers ought and should paye no Teynde for their Gleybes, and Kirke Landes, extending to foure Ackers of Land, defigned unto them conforme to the Act of Parliamen: But decerned and declared them to bee free of their faydes Teyndes, and difcharged them [Simpliciter] thereof in all time comming. LIKE As in the Parliament holden at Perth, the ninth of Iulie, in Anno one thousande, fixe hundreth, and fixe yeares: Cap. 7. It is ordayned, That there shall bee designed to the Ministers serving the cure at Kirkes where there is no arrable land adjacent thereunto, the number of foure Summes Graffe for every Acker, of foure Ackers of Gleybe, extending to fixteen fummes Grasse, for the source Ackers of Lande, And that of the moste commodious and best Pasturage of any Kirke Landes, lying next adjacent, and most ewest to the Kirke: And ordayned Letters to bee directed, for removing the possofloures there from: in such like forme as against the possessioners of Manss and Gleybes. And in respect that the Ministers Gleybes are Teynde free, and that by consequence, the summes Graffe aboue mentioned, designed in steade thereof, where no arrable Lande is adjacent unto Kirkes, ought likewise of all equitie and reason, to bee Teynde free, in respect the same is dedicated and appointed ad pios usus.

HEEREFORE, Our fayde Soveraine LORD, with advise and consent of the whole ESTATES of this præsent Parliament, by the tenor heereof, Declares, That the Ministers and Readers, ought, and shoulde pay no Teynde for their summes Grasse, designed unto them in place of their Gleybe, where no arrable Landes are adjacent to Kirkes. And decernes, and declares them to bee free of their Teyndes. And discharges them [simpliciter] of all payment thereof, in all time comming.

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Ratification and Addition, to the Act of Parliament made anent Restitution of Chaptours.



of this præsent Parliament, Ratisses, and approves the Act of Parliament made in the moneth of Iunij, in the yeare of GOD one thousande, sixe hundreth, seaventeene yeares, anent restitution of Chaptours of Cathedrall Kirkes, in all the Heads, Clauses, Exceptions, Limitations,

and Restrictions thereof. And surther, Ordaines, and declares, That all Deedes done since the date of the sayde Act for to bee done heereaster, whereby anie member of anie Cathedrall Kirke, being an Office or Dignitie, hath, or shall bee supprest, or anie Land Parsonage; Vicarage, or other Living, belonging to the sayde dignitie dissolved from the same, without an expresse warrande from his Majestie, and consent of Parliament: are, and shall bee, with all that haue followed, or shall followe thereupon, Null, and of no force, nor effect: and shall bee so sounde in all time heereaster, by way of Action, Exception, or replie. Providing alwayes the Marquesse of Hamilton His Right to the Parsonage of Hamilton and Dalsersse: The Earle of Marre His right to the Parsonage of Carnwoth: and any other Parson, having lawfull rights conforme to the Lawes of the Countrey, before the Act of Parliament, in Anno one thousand, sixe hundreth, and seaventeene yeares, bee no wayes burt, or præjudged heerein,

ACT XII.

Anent Packing, and Peyling."



OR AS MUCH As by diverse Actes of Parliament it is statuted, and ordayned, That no person use Packing nor Peyling of Wooll, Hydes, nor Skinnes, losse nor layde, outwith Free Burrowes, and Priviledges of the same: Not-withstanding whereof, diverse Strangers, and other Inhabitantes, within this Realme, doe continually resorte to the

Yles, and other places there about, with their Ships, Barkes, and Creares, and other Vessels: And doe not onelie packe and peyle Skinnes and Hydes; but also doe transport from thence Butter, Tallone, and other forbidden Goods, to the great contempt of the saydes Lawes, and manifest desraude of our Soveraine Lord his Customes.

FOR Remeide whereof, Our Soveraine LORD, With Advise and Consent of the ESTATES of this prasent Parliament, Statutes, and Ordaynes, That no Strangers, nor Juhabitantes within this Realme, take upon hand to Packe or Peyle anie Hydes or Skins in the sayds places of the Yles, out-with the Free Burrowes: nor that they transport, take away, or carrie foorth of this Countrey, any Butter, Tallone, or other forbidden Goods, under payne of tinsell, and confiscation of the Hydes and Skinnes so packed and peyled by them: and of tinsell and confiscation of the Shippe, and whole Goods, that the owner of the sayds forbidden Goods hath within the same. AND ORDAINES The Shyristes of the

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Shyres, and their Deputies, and Over-Lordes, of the Landes where the faydes Skinnes and Hydes are packed, and peyled, or from whence the faydes forbidden Goods are transported, To put this præsent Act to execution, as they will aunswere unto His Majestie, upon their Office and Obedience.

ACT XIII.

Anent the discharging of protections.



of Parliament, Understanding that there may sundrie Protections bee sought, by Bankroupts, and others, who are addebted in great summes of money: whereby the execution due unto the Creditor, by the Lawes of the Country, against the Debtor, may bee frustrate, To the great damnage

of the Creditor. FOR REMEIDE Whereof, IT IS Statuted, and Ordayned, That heereafter the Lordes of Session shall grant no Protection from anie Execution due and competent against anie man of the Law. AND Declares, That if anie shall bee heereafter graunted, the graunter of the same shall bee subject and lyable of the Law to the Creditor for the summe, from the which hee hath graunted Protection.

ACT XIIII.

Anent playing at Cardes and Dyce, and Horse-races.

UR SOVERAINE LORD, And ESTATES of

Parliament, Confidering the manifolde evilles and inconveniences, which enfue upon Carding and Dycing, and Horse races, which are nowe over much frequented in this Countrey, to the great præjudice of the Lieges. And because honest men ought not expect that any winning had at any of the Games aboue written, can doe them good, or prosper; HAUE, therefore, statuted, and ordayned, That no man shall play at Cardes nor Dyce in anie Common-house, Towne, Hostelrie, or Cookes houses, under the payne of fourtie poundes, money of this Realme: to bee exacted of the keeper of the faydes Innes, or Common-houses, for the first tault: and losse of their Liberties for the next. Moreover, That it shall not bee lawfull to play in any other private mans house, but where the Master of the Familie playeth himselfe. And if it shall happen any man to winne anie fummes of money, at Carding or Dycing, attour the fumme of an hundreth Markes, within the space of twentie source houres: or to gaine at Wagers upon Horse races, any summe attour the sayde summe of an hundreth Markes; The superplus shall bee consigned within twentie foure houres thereafter, in the handes of the Thefaurer for the Kirke, if it bee in Edinburgh: Or in the handes of fuch of the Kirke Session in the Countrey Parochines, as collectes and distributes money for the Poore of the same: To bee employed alwayes upon the Poore of the Paroche, where such winning shall happen to fall out. And to the effest, that eyther excesse in play may bee thus restrayned: Or at the least, that excessive winning may bee employed as sayde is. OUR Soveraine LORD, by Actes of his Supreame Court of Parliament, Giues still power, and commission, to the Bayllies and Magistrates of Burrowes, the Shyrestes and Justices of Peace, in the Countrey, to persue, and conveine all such persones, for all winning at Cardes, Dyce, and Horse races, which shall happen to bee made by any person, by and attour the sayde summe of an hundreth Markes money, aforesayde. And incase the Magistrate informed therof resuse to persue for the same, The partie informer shall have action against the sayde Magistrate, for double the like summe: The one halse whereof to bee given to the Poore, and the other halse to the partie Informer.

ACT XV.

Act declaring all Tacks sett for longer space nor three yeeres, without consent of the Patron, being persons under the degree of Prelates, since 1594. to bee null.



UR SOVERAINE LORD, and the ESTATES of this præsent Parliament, Understanding, That diverse beneficed persones, under the degree of Prælates, haue taken occasion upon an Act made in our late Parliament, holden at Edinburgh, the twentie eyght day of Iunij, one thousand, sixe hundreth, and seaventeene yeares, Intituled, Anent the setting of Tackes by Prælates, and other beneficed persones: To sette

Tackes and Assedations of the Landes and Teyndes of their saydes Benefices, or some partes and portions thereof, unto diverse and sundrie persons, for the sayde beneficed person his life time: and for the space of fiue yeares after his deceasse: without consent of the Patron. Albeit the fayde Act of Parliament giueth no such libertie to anie beneficed persons, under the degree of a Prælate, to sette such Tackes. But onelie declareth, for what spaces a Bishop, or other Prælate, may sette: and for what spaces a beneficed man, under the degree of a Prælate, may fette. Which was done by the ESTATES, To restrict the unbounded libertie used in setting of Tackes for many life-rentes, and nineteene yeares. And the fayde declaration no wayes taketh away the lawfull folemnities, required to the fetting of the faydes Tackes, eyther by confent of the Chaptour, or patrone. Which still remayneth in the owne force, underogate. Otherwayes, it should bee lawfull for a Prælate, to fette Tackes for nineteene yeares, without confent of the Chaptoure: which is altogether abfurde.

And seeing by an expresse Act, made in Our Soveraine Lordes fourteenth Parliament, holden at Edinburgh, the eyght day of Iunij, 1594. IT IS sound, and declared, That no beneficed man, under a Prælate, within this Realme, may in time thereafter settle longer Tackes of Teynds, or other pertinentes of their Benefice, without consent of their Patrones, but for the space of three yeares onelie. Which Act standeth in full

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force, strength, and effect: and is no wayes annulled, nor taken away, by

the sayde posterior Act aboue specified.

THEREFORE, His Majestie, and Estates foresaydes, for eschewing of all controversie that may arise upon the sayde last Act, Declares, That the sayde last Act makes no derogation unto the sayde sirst Act: And that all Tackes sette by beneficed persones, under the degree of Prælates, since the sayde eyght day of Iunij, 1594. of any part of their saydes benefices, longer than for the sayde space of three yeares, without consent of their patrones, are null, and of none avayle, conforme unto the sayde sirst Act aboue specified.

ACT XVI.

Anent Mettes, and Measures.



OR SOVERAINE LORD, and ESTATES of Parliament, confidering, That by the Act of Parliament holden in Iunij, 1617, there was a Commission graunted unto certaine persons therein nominate, for appointing and establishing a constant Mette and Measure, for buying and selling of Victual within this

Realme. Which Commissioners gaue out their Sentence and Determination, declaring the Measure and Furlot of Linlithgow, to bee the Just and onelie Furlot, which should bee used by all His Majesties Lieges, in buying and selling of Victuall. Notwithstanding whereof, there are manie and great abuses committed in this Kingdome, contrarie to the sayd Act and Determination of the sayds Commissioners: To the præ-

judice of His Majesties Lieges.

FOR Remeide whereof, His Maiestie, and Estates foresaydes, hath ratissed, and approved: and by the tennor heereof, ratisses, approves, and confirmes, the Act and Statute [respective] aboue written, in the whole Heads and Conditions of the same: after the forme and tenour thereof. And commaundes, and charges, all His Maiesties Lieges, and Subjectes, To acknowledge, imbrace, obey, and observe the same Act and Statute, [respective] in the whole heads and conditions of the same, in forme and manner specially and particularly mentioned and sette downe thereintill, after the formes and tenoures thereof, under all highest payne, charge, and offence, which they may incurre, thorow their disobedience, and as they will bee aunswerable thereanent.

ACT XVII

Anent the discharging of a pecke to the bow.



of Parliament, Understanding of the fraude, and frequent abuse, committed by many of His Maiesties Subjectes, Buyers and Blockers of Victuall: who knowing that there are constant and settled measures, lawfully established, by the Lawes and Statutes of this Kingdome: By

the which all fortes of Victual universally ought to be bought and solde, according to the quantitie appointed by the saydes mettes, without ad-

ding of any quantitie to the same, or diminishing there-from. Yet not the lesse, when they make their Bargaines, and conditions anent the buying of anie particular quantitie of Victuall, they by their undirect dealing, many times cause the Seller agree to super-adde, and deliver unto them, by and attour the true quantitie which is bought and solde at the pryces conveined upon, some certayne farder quantitie of Victuall, lesse or more, as they may best moue the Seller to condiscend to, and for the which they are not subject in payment of anie pryce, to the great præjudice of

the Lieges, and the manifest abuse and elusion of the Law.

FOR REMEIDE Whereof, It is statuted, and ordayned, That it shall not bee lawfull for any of His Majesties Subjectes, to blocke, or agree, upon the pryce of Victuall, more or lesse, except they first agree and condiscend vpon the pryce of the first boll of the bargaine: which being so agreed vpon, the said pryce shall ruele the whole quantitie of the rest of the bolles to bee received by the Buyer, who shall have no eik nor addition of any farther quantitie except vpon the payment of that same pryce, as is conditioned for the said first boll: And if any person contraveine this present Act, hee shall pay the summe of Fourtie shillinges for everie boll of victuall, received by him contrary to the tennor of this Act: and that by and besyde the pryces of the Victuall; the halfe of the said summe to his Majestie, and his Thesaurer, and the other halfe there-of to the partie delator of the same.

ACT XVIII.

A Ratification of the Act of the Lordes of Counsell and Session, made in Julie 1620. against unlawfull Dispositions and Alienations, made by Dyvours and Banck-rupts.



UR SOVERAINE LORD, with advise and consent of the ESTATES, conveined in this præsent Parliament, ratisses, approues, and for His Highnesse, and His Successors, perpetually confirms, the Act of the Lords of Counsell and Session, made against Dyvours and Bankrupts, at Edinburgh, the 12. daye of Julie, 1620. and ordaines the same to

haue, and take full effect, and execution, as a necessarie and profitable Law, for the weale of all His Highnesse Subjectes. Of the which Act

the tenor followeth.



HE LORDES Of Counsell and Session understanding, by the grievous and just Complaints of manie of His Majesties good Subjects, That the Fraude, Malice, and Falsehood, of a number of Dyvours and Bankrupts, is become so frequent, and avowed; and hath alreadie taken such progresse, to the over-throw of manie honest mens fortunes, and estates; that it is likelie to dissolue Trust, Commerce, and Faythfull Dealing amongst Subjects:

Subjectes: Whereupon must ensue the ruine of the whole Estate, if the godlesse deceits of those bee not prævented, and remedied; who by their apparent Wealth in Landes and Goodes, and by their showe of Conscience, Credite, and Honestie; drawing into their handes upon trust the Money, Merchandize, and Goods, of well-meaning and credulous perfons, doe no wayes intende to repay the same : but eyther to line ryetouslie, by wasting of other mens substance: or to enrich themselues, by that subtill stealth of true mens Goods, and to with-draw themsclues, and their Goods, foorth of this Realme, to elude all execution of Justice: And to that effect, and in manifest defraude of their Creditors, doe make fimulate and fraudfull alienations, dispositions, and other securities, of their Landes, Reversions, Teyndes, Goods, Actions, Debtes, and others, belonging unto them, To their Wines, Children, Kins-men, Alleyes, and other confident and interposed persons: without anie true, lawfull, or necessarie cause: and without anie just or true pryce interveining in their saids Bargaines: Whereby their just Creditors, and Cautioners, are fallelie and godleslie defrauded of all payment of their iust Debts: and manie honest Families likelie to come to utter ruine.

FOR Remedie whereof, the faydes LORDES, according to the power given unto them by His Maiestie, and His most Noble Progenitors, to set downe Orders for administration of Justice: meaning to follow and practize the good and commendable Lawes, Civill and Canon, made against fraudfull alienations, in præiudice of Creditors, and against the authors and partakers of such Fraude; Statutes, Ordaines, and Declares, That in all actions, and causes, depending, or to bee intended by anie rue Creditor, for recoverie of his just debt, or satisfaction of his lawfull action and right: They will, decreete, and decerne, all alienations, dispositions, assignations, and translations whatsoever, made by the debtor, of anie of his landes, teyndes, reversions, actions, debtes, or goods of the doll whatsoever, to anie coniunct or confident person, without true, iust, and necessarie causes, and without a just pryce reallie payed, the same beeing - 1 done after the contracting of lawfull debtes from true creditors: To have beene from the beginning, and to bee in all times comming, Null, and of none availe, force, nor effect: at the instance of the true and iust creditor, by way of action, exception, or replie: without further Declarator. And incase anie of His Maiesties good Subjectes (no wayes partakers of the faydes Fraudes) haue lawfullie purchased anie of the saids Bankrupts landes, or goods, by true Bargaines, for iust and competent pryces, or in fatisfaction of their lawfull debts, from the interposed perions, trusted by the faydes dyvours. In that case, the right lawfullie acquired by him who is no wayes partaker of the fraude, shall not bee anulled in manner foresaide. But the receiver of the pryce of the faydes landes, goods, and others, from the Buyer, shall bee holden, and oblished to make the same foorth-comming, to the behooue of the Bankrupts true creditors, in payment of their lawfull debts. And it shall bee sufficient probation of the Fraude intended against the creditors, if they, or any of them, shall bee able to verifie by writte, or by oath of the partie receiver of anie securitie from the dyvour or bankrupt, that the same was made without anie true, just, and necessarie cause, or without any true and competent price, Or that the landes and goods of the dyvour and

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Bankrupt beeing folde by him who bought them from the fayde dyvour, the whole, or the moste parte of the pryce thereof was converted, or to bee converted to the Bankruptes profite and use. Providing alwayes, that so much of the faydes landes and goods, or prices thereof so trusted by Bankrupts to interposed persons, as hath beene reallie payed, or affigned by them to anie of the Bankrupts lawfull creditors shall bee allowed unto them, they making the rest foorth-comming to the remanent creditors, who want their due paymentes. And if in time comming any of the saydes Dyvours, or their interposed partakers of their Fraude, shall make anie voluntarie payment, or right, to anie person, in defraude of the lawfull, and more timelie diligence of another creditor, having ferved Inhibition, or used Horning, Arrestment, Compryzing, or other lawfull meane, duely to affect the dyvours landes, or goods, or pryce thereof to his behooue. In that case the sayde dyvour, or interposed perfon, shall bee holden to make the same foorth-comming to the creditor, having used his first lawfull diligence: who shall likewise bee præferred to the concreditor, who being posterior unto him in diligence, hath obtayned payment by partiall favour of the debtor, or of his interposed confident. And shall have good action to recover from the fayde creditor that which was voluntarily payed in defraude of the perfuers diligence.

Finally, THE LORDES declares all such Bankruptes, and dyvours, and all interposed persons, for covering or executing their fraudes, and all others, who shall give counsell, and wilfull assistance unto the saydes Bankrupts, in the devising and practizing of their saydes fraudes, and godlesse deceits, to the praiudice of their true creditors, shall bee reputed and holden dishoness, sand infamous persons, uncapable of all honours, dignities, benefices, and offices: Or to passe upon Inquestes, or Assystes: Or to beare witnesse in Judgement, or outwith in anie times

comming.

ACT XIX.

Ratification of the Act of Counsell, Anent the pryces of Writtes, Seales, &c. made 1606.



tir SOVERAINE LORD, With advise and consent of the ESTATES of Parliament, Having considered the Act and Ordinance of Secret Counsell, made anent pryces, set downe to bee taken by all Writers, Clerkes, Keepers of Seales, and others, particularly expressed in the sayde Act. Which is of the date at Edinburgh, the fourth daye of Februarie, one thousande, sixe hundreth, and sixe yeares, Hath ratisfied and con-

firmed the same, in every poynt and article thereof. Which all and sundrie the præmisses, Our Soveraine Lord, with advise and consent foresayd, ratiseth, and approveth, in all pointes, in manner as the same proportes: and gives unto them the strength of Lawes, and Actes of Parliament: and ordaines execution to passe upon the same as effeires. Of the which

the tenor heereafter followeth.

Apud Edinburgh, quarto die mensis Februarij 1606.



HE LORDES Of Secret Counsell, and Session, Considering the great extortion used by the Writers and Clerkes of all Judicatories within this Realme, in extorting from the Subjects of the Countrey such unreasonable and exorbitant pryces for their Writtes, as ought not to bee suffered in a well governed Commonwealth:

Procuring thereby not onlie private grudges, but publicke exclamations, against the

with-gate and libertie graunted unto such Shamefull scafferie and extortion: highlie to His Majesties offence, and contempt; hurt and prajudice of His Majesties good Subjectes; and to the reproach and slaunder of the Judges, under whose Office and Judicatories the sayds

Clerkes and Writers Serue.

FOR Remeide whereof in times comming, The Lordes of Secret Counsell, and Session, have set downe the pryces of all Letters, Acts, Infesimentes, and Writtes, proper unto what soever Clerkeship within this Realme: Together with the pryces of the Signet, Privie and Great Seales. Whereby the Subjectes of the Countrey may knowe, and understand, what pryces they ought to give for every Letter, Writte, Extract, & Seale, hereafter: and bee no wayes subject to the undiscretion of the Wryters, and Keepers of the Seales. Which pryces now let downe, by the laydes Lordes, for the eale, benefite, and reliefe of the Subjectes of the Countrey, The Saydes Lordes ordaines, and commaundes, all, and sundrie Writers, and Clerkes, and the Keepers of the Seales: everie one in their owne severall Charge and Office, To observe and keepe, and in no wayes to exceede the saydes pryces; upon whatsoever colour or pratence: under the payne of Deprivation of the contravener from the Office, and Seale, which hee possesset. And ordaines, and commaundes, the saydes Clerkes, and Writers, To write all their Letters, Acts, Writtes, Registers, and such other things as passe thorow their Office and handes, compattlie: and in no wayes to abuse the People with disperse writing: under the payne to bee cenfured and punished, as Abuser's of His Majesties Subjectes, and as contraveners of the saydes Lordes Ordinance, nome set downe anent the saydes pryces. Commaunding and charging also all and sundrie Clerkes and Writers, bearing publicke Function and Charge within this

this Kingdome, That they, and everie one of them, within the space of a moneth after the date heereof, have the just and autenticke of this AEt, and of the pryces following thereupon, affixed in some publicke and patent place of their Buith, and Chamber where they write: Where thorow all His Majesties Subjectes, having adoe with them, may have inspection of the same: and accordinglie, knowe what to pay. And that the saydes Writers, and Clerkes, Shall write upon the backes of all Writtes to bee given out by them, the just and ordinarie pryce which they receive from the partie for their paines. and subscribe the same with their handes, under the sayde paine of deprivation of the contravener.

The Pryces set downe to the Clerkes of our Soveraine Lordes Signet, to bee taken heereafter for all Signatures, to be formed and written by them.

Ane fignatur of Marriage onelie, Non entres onelie, or Reliefe onelie, _____ x. shill.

Ane fignatur of whatfoever Infeftment, Refignation, or Confirmation, or Erection, for the first theete

A Remission, or Respite,

The Præcept upon the Remission,

Ane Præsentation to a Parsonage, and Vicarage, xiii.shill. iiii.d.

Ane fignatur of a Bishopricke, or Abbacie, contaying a sheete of paper, ______ xxx. shillinges.

And for everie sheet moe than one, which the signatur contains, xx. sh. The Præcept thereof to pay accordinglie.

Other Common signaturs of Pensions, Præbendaries, Chaplainries, or Gistes of Offices, _____ xiii. shillinges, iiii. pennies.

Pryces set downe to the Keepers of the Thesaurers Register, to bee taken heereafter of all such Giftes and Signaturs as passe the sayde Register.

And for everie person moe, that shall bee contayned in the signatur, ______ iii. shillinges, iiii.pennies.

Providing that the payment [per capita] exceede nor ten persones.

Their Escheate, and Life-rent, to pay the double of the same summes.

The Escheate of a Barron, — xiii. shillinges, iiii. pennies.

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And for every person of that rank, contayned in the signatur, vi. sh.viii.d. Providing that the payment (per capita) exceede not ten persons: and their Escheate, and Life-rent, to pay the double of the same summes. The Escheate of a Lord of Parliament,
Providing that the payment (per capita) exceede not ten persones: Their Escheate, and Life-rent, to pay the double of these summes. Ane Legittimation,
The Remission, or Respite, of a Barron, — xiii. shill, siii. penn. And for everie person moe of that ranke, contayned in the signa-
The remission, or respite, of a Lord of Parliament, — xl. shillinges. And for everie person moe of that ranke, contayned in the same signatur, — xx. shillinges.
Ane Signatur of Infeftment of a Fine pound land, or under, xx.thill. Ane Signatur of Infeftment of a Ten pound land, or under, xxx.thill. Ane Signatur of Infeftment of all other landes, under a Barronie, or Thirtie pound land, xl.thillinges. The Infeftment of a Barronie, l. Shillinges. The Infeftment of an Earldome, or Lordthip, iiii poundes. The Warde, Non entres, Reliefe, Marriage of a Yeoman, xiii.th. iiii.d. Of a barrone, xxvi.thillinges, viii.pennies. Of a Lord of Parliament, iiii poundes.
Pryces set downe to the Keepers of the Collector's Register, to be ta- ken heere-after of all such Letters, as passe that Register.
NE Infeftment of a Fine pound land, or under, xxx. shill. Ane Infeftment of all other lands, under a Thirtie pound, or Barronie, The Infentment of a Barronie, The Infentment of a Lordship of Parliament, iiii. poundes.
Pryces set downe to the Keepers of the Register of Benefices, to bee taken heere-after of all such Letters as passe that Register.
RESENTATION to a Vicarage, with the Act of Caution, xx. shillinges Presentation unto a Parsonage, with the Act of Caution, xl. Shillinges. Ane Abbacie, xl. Shillinges. Ane Bishopcicke, vi. poundes

Pryces set downe to the Writters to the privie Seale; to bee taken heere-after of all such Letters and writtes as passe that Office.

HE Escheate of ane Common man, xiii. shill. iiii. penn.
And for everie person moe of that ranke, contayned in
the Signatur, vi. Shillinges, viii. pennies.
Providing that their payment (per capita) exceede not
Providing that their payment (per capita) exceede not ten persons: Their Escheate, and Life-rent, to paye the
double of these summes.
The Extract of the sayde Escheate, and Life-rent, xiii. shill. iiii. penn.
The Escherte of a Barron vvi hillings viii pengies
The Escheate of a Barron, ————————————————————————————————————
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Their Escheate, and Life-rent, to pay the double of this summe.
The Extract of this Elcheate, and Life-rent, ————————————————————————————————————
The Escheate of a Lord of parliament, ————————————————————————————————————
And for everie persone moe of that ranke, contayned in the Signa-
tur, — xl. Shillinges.
Providing that the payment (per capita) exceede not ten persones:
Their Escheate, and life-rent, to pay the double of the sayde summe.
The Extract of this Escheate, and life-rent, to pay - xl. shillinges.
Signature of a Vicarage, ————————————————————————————————————
Signature of a parlonage, ————————————————————————————————————
Signatur of a Bishopricke, ————————————————————————————————————
Signatur of ane Abbacie, — — vi. poundes. Ane legittimation, — — xx. thill.
Ane legittimation, ————————————————————————————————————
Ane remission, or respite, to a common man, - x. shillinges.
And for everie persone moe of that ranke, contayned in the sig-
A remission, or respite, to a Barron, xx. shillinges.
A remission, or respite; to a Barron, ————————————————————————————————————
And for everie persone moe of that ranke, contayned in the signa-
tur, x. inilinges.
Ane remission, or respite, to a Lord of parliament, — iii. poundes.
And for every person mo of that rank, containd in the signatur, xxx.sh.
Ane Inference of a Fine pound land, or under - xxx. Inillinges.
Ane Infestment of a Ten pound land, or under, - xl. shillinges.
Ane Infeftment of all other landes, under a thirtie pound lande, or
Berronie, ————————————————————————————————————
Ane Infettment of a Barronie, ————————————————————————————————————
Ane Infestment of a Lordship of parliament, vi. poundes.
The Warde, Non entrelle, Marriage, and reliefe, of a common
of a Barrone, — — — xx. shillinges. — xl. shillinges.
Of a Barrone, ————————————————————————————————————
Of a Lord of parliament, - v. pnundes, vi. shillinges, viii. pennies.

Pryces fet downe to the Director of the Chancellarie, to bee taken heereafter of all such Letters and Writtes as passe that Office.

Egittimations, Remissions to a Yeoman, And for everie person moe than one contayned therein, Remission to a Barron, Remission to a Barron, And for everie person of that Ranks, most than one
Remissions to a Yeoman, — xl. shillinges.
And for everie person moe than one contained there-
in xx. shillinges.
Remission to a Barron - iiii poundes
And for everie persone of that Ranke, moe than one
continued therein vl fullinges
Remission to a Lord of Parliament, vi. poundes.
And for everie persone of that Ranke moe than one contained
And for everie persone of that Ranke, moe than one, contayned
therein, ————————————————————————————————————
The vyriting and regulating of a Confirmation, of infetution, of a
fiue pound Land, or under, with the Præcept of Seafing thereupon: due-
lie and orderlie past the Quarter Seale, iiii. pounds. The Writing and Registring of a Confirmation, or Infestment, of a
The Writing and Registring of a Confirmation, or Infestment, of a
Ten pound Land, or under, with the Præcept of Seafing following there-
upon, duelie and orderlie past the Quarter Seale, - v. poundes.
The Writing and Registring of a Confirmation, or Infeftment, of all
other Lands, under a Barronie, or Thirtie pound Land, with the Præcept of
Seafing folowing therupon, duely & orderly past the quarter Seale, vi. pouds.
The Writing and Registring of an Infeftment of a Barronie, with the
Præcept of Seafing, past the Quarter Seale, - x. poundes.
And for everie Barronie, moe nor one contained therein, v. pounds.
Providing that the whole payment exceede not xx. poundes.
The Writing and Registring of an Infestment of a Lordshippe, or
Earldome, with the Præcept of Seafing past the Quarter Seale, xx. pounds.
And for everie Barronie, moe than one contained therein, v. pounds.
Providing that the whole payment exceede not 1. poundes:
Commissions orderlie past the Quarter Seale, for serving of Brieues in
favour of a Yeoman, xl. shillinges.
Commissions sealed in favoures of a Barron, ————————————————————————————————————
Commissions sealed in favoures of a Lord of Parliament, vi. pounds.
Tutorie Datiues, duelie and orderlie sealed, xl. shillinges,
for the whole persons contayned in the Tutorie.
Præsentations upon forfaulter, or bastardrie of small Annuell-rents, or
Landes within Burgh: & of small pieces of Landes, for the Writing,
and Quarter Seale, xl. shillinges.
And of other Landes of greater availe,v.pounds.
Ane Brieue,
Ane Brieue, v. shillinges. Ane Attornie, ii. shillinges.
The Registring of a Retour to a common man viii shill iiii penn.
To a Barron, vyvi shillinges viii pennies.
To a Barron, ————————————————————————————————————
Præceptes upon the Retour for Lands, under a Ten pound land, xl. shill.
And if the Landes bee aboue a Ten pound, To pay accordinglie: pro-
viding that the highest pryce exceede not iiii. poundes
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XXIII Parliament, the 4 day of August, 1621. The second and thirde Præceptes, x x. shillinges. The fourth Præcept, conforme to the first Præcept. Summondes of Errour, past the Quarter Seale, - iiii. poundes. And incase it contayne many remissions, not to exceede - vi. pounds. Pryces set downe to the Writters to the Signet, to bee taken hereafter of all Letters, Summondes, and Writtes, which passe their bandes. (Excepting alwayes Signaturs: the pryces mbereof are alreadie (et domne.) Dvocations, and Suspensions, - xiii. shillinges, iiii. pennies. For the first Sheete: and for everie sheete moe, which it contayneth, besides the first sheete, — x.shillinges. All Common Letters, — x. Shillinges. Contractes, for the first Sheete, — xxx. Shillinges. And for everie Sheete moe, which it contayneth, - xx. shillinges. Summondes, of a sheete of paper, - xiii. shillinges, iiii. pennies. And for everie sheete moe, which it contayneth; --- x. shillinges. Pryces set downe to the ordinarie Clerkes of the Session, to bee taken hereafter of all such Letters, Acts, and Writs, as passe that Office. HE Registring of an Obligation, xiii. shillinges, iiii. penn. The Extract thereof, - xiii. shillinges, iiii, pennies. Act, and Letters, - xx. Shillinges. An Act of Litis Contestation, in summare and common causes, For everie sheet of the Act, & of the Decreet, xx. sh. And in matters of contentious Disputation, heard in præsence of the faydes Lordes, The pryce of the Act of Litis Contestation, to bee at the discretion of the partie. Common and ordinary Extracts, For every sheet extracted, xiii.sh.iiii.d. The Registration to pay as much. Pryces set downe to the Clerke of the Billes, before the Session, to bee taken hereafter, of all Billes and Acts proper to that Office. Actes of Caution, with the Reliefe, — xx. shillinges. Commissions, — xiii.shillinges, iiii.pennies. Dispensations, in favours of a partie. — iiii.pennies. And for a Shyreffdome, Stewardrie, or Burgh, vi. fh. viii.d. Actes of Lawe-Borrowes, For everie persone contayned in the

And for everie person contayned therein accordinglie.

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Pryces set downe to the Clerke of Privie Counsell, to bee taken heereafter of all such Letters and Writtes
as passe that Office.

Etters of Complaint, contaying a sheete of paper, xx.shill.

And for everie sheete attour the first sheete, x. shillings.

Letters of Law-Borrowes, xiii. shillinges, iiii. pennies.

An Act of Caution, with the Reliefe, — xx. Shillinges.

An Act of Law-Borrowes, for everie persone contayned in the Act, — vi. shillinges, viii. pennies.

Decreetes of a sheete of paper, — xxvi. shillinges, viii. pennies.

Pryces set downe to the Clerkes of the Exchecquer, to bee taken heereafter, of all Writs which passe that Office.

Tem, for Writing, Rolling, and Extracting of a Shyreffes Compt, — iii. poundes, vi. shillinges, viii. pennies. Item, for Writing, Rolling, and Extracting of a Chamberlaines Compt, iii. poundes, vi. shillinges, viii. pennies. Item, For Writing, Rolling, and Extracting of a Burrow Compt, — xx. shillinges. Item, For Writing of an Extract of a Rentall, vi. shillinges, viii. penn. Item, for writing of a Compt unto any person, foorth of the Comptroller, or Thesaurers Comptes, — vi. shillinges, viii. pennies. Item, for Allowance of a Gift in the Exchecquer, —vi. shill. viii. penn. Item, for writing, rolling, and extracting of a Custome compt, xx.shill.

Pryces set downe to the Keeper of our Soveraine Lordes Signet, to bee taken heereafter, for all Letters and Writs, which passe the Signet.

For Ministers of Harris of Summondes, of whatsoever qualitie, x. Inillinges. For Letters of Inhibition, and Arrestment, xvi. sh. viii. penn. For letters of Law-Borrowes, and criminall letters, how manie persons soever bee insert, ————————————————————————————————————
For all letters of Horning, of whatfoever qualitie: Except letters of
Law-borrowes, and criminal letters xxxi. shillinges, viii. pennies.
A Relaxation, x. shillings.
And accordinglie for everie person relaxed: or composition, at the
discretion of the Keeper of the Signet.
For a Legittimation, xx. shillinges.
For ane Infestment, or Confirmation, of a Fiue pounde lande, or
nder, xxx. shillinges.
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For ane Infeftment, or Confirmation, of a Ten pounde lande, or
nder, xl. shillinges.
For ane Infeftment, or Confirmation, of other landes, under a Thirtie pound

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For ane Infeftment of ane Barronie, ______ iii poundes. And of so manie moe different Barronies as are contayned in the Signature, -For an Infestment of an Earldome, & Lordship of Dignitie, vi. pounds. And for everie Barronie beside, contained in the Signature, iii. pounds. and for everie cryme. For a Remission unto a Barron, _____ xl shillinges. And accordinglie, for everie person of that ranke, and for every cryme contayned in the fignature. For a Remission to a Lord of Parliament, _____ iii. poundes. And accordinglie, for everie persone of that ranke, and for everie cryme contayned in the fignature. A Patronage being infert in a Barronie, to paye the halfe pryce that the Barronie payeth at the fignet. A Taxt Warde being insert, to pay likewise the halfe pryce that the

Landes or Barronie payeth at the fignet.

A Regalitie, to paye the whole pryce that a Barronie payeth at the fignet.

Pryces set downe to the Keepers of the privie Seale, to bee taken hereafter, for all Letters and Writs that passe the Seale.

OR The Escheate of a Common Man, xxvi. shil. viii. d. And for everie person moe, contayned in the Signa-The Life-rent, and Escheate, to pay the double of this

For the Escheat of a Barron, liii. shillings, iiii. pennies, And for everie persone moe of that ranke, contayned in the Signa-

____ xxvi. shillinges, viii. pennies. Their Escheate, and Life-rent, to pay the double of this summe.

Their Escheat, and Life-rent, to pay the double of this summe.

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For a Legittimation, ————————————————————————————————————
For a Remission, or Respite, to a Common Man, xl, shillings
And accordinglie, for everie persone, and everie cryme, contayned
in the Signature.
For a remission, or respite, to a Barrone, iii. poundes.
And accordinglie, for everie persone moe of that ranke, and for eve-
rie cryme contayned in the fignature.
For a respite, or remission, to a Lord of Parliament, — vi. poundes.
For a respite, of terminon, to a Lord of Parmathene, — vi. poundes.
And accordinglie, for everie person of that ranke, and for every cryme
contayned in the fignature.
For ane Infestment, or Confirmation, of a Fine pounde lande, or under, iii. poundes.
or under, mi. poundes.
For the Infeftment, or Confirmation, of a Tenne pounde lande,
or under, ————————————————————————————————————
For the Infeftment, or Corfirmation, of all other lands, under a Thir-
tie pound land, or Barronie, — — v. poundes.
For an Infeftment, or confirmation, of a Barronie, — vi poundes.
And for every Barronie moe contained in the faid Infeftment, iii.pouds.
For an Infeltment, or confirmation, of an Earledome, or Lordship of
Dignitie XII. poundes
And for every Barronie beside, contayined in the Infeftment, vi. pounds.
For a Compryfing iiii, poundes.
For a Comprysing, ————————————————————————————————————
Seale.
For a Taxt Warde, the halfe pryce that the Land or Barronie payeth
at the Privie Seale.
Toward Deceling the whole prives that the Barronie payeth at the
For ane Regalitie, the whole pryce that the Barronie payeth at the
Privie Seale.
Barrones, xl. shillinges.
Barrones, XI. Inillinges.
For the Warde, Non Entresse, Reliefe, and Marriage of a Bar-
rone, — iiii. poundes.
For the Warde, Non Entresse, Reliefe, and Marriage of a Lorde
of Parliament, x. poundes. For the Warde onelie of a meane Man, xxx. shillinges.
For the Warde onelie of a meane Man, xxx. shillinges.
For the Warde onelie of a Barrone, ———— iii. poundes.
For the Warde onelie of a Lord of Parliament, — v. pounds.
For the Non Entresse onelie of men under Barrones, - xx. Shillinges.
For the Non Entresse onelie of Barrones, xl. shillinges.
For the Non Entresse onelie of Earles and Lordes, - iii. poundes.
For the Marriage onelie of men under Barrones, - xxx. shillinges.
For the Marriage onelie of Barrones, iii. poundes.
For the Marriage onelie of Lordes of Parliament, - v. pounds.
For Common Giftes of Præbendaries, Chaplainries, Pensions, or Of-
fices, xxx. Shillinges.
AAA. Oliminges

Pryces fet downe to the Great Seale, to beee taken beereafter, for all such Infeftments and Writtes as passe that Seale.



HAT The Keeper of the Great Seale exceede not the Quadruple of the Privie Seale: but conforme himfelfe thereunto, in all pointes.

Anent Chamber Fees.



LORDES Of Secret Counfell, and Seffion, findes, That in times by gone, when the ductie of the Chamber Fees first came in Custome, That no Infestment, or Signature, payed Chamber Fee: except onelie Refignations, made in the KINGS Handes. And therefore the faydes Lordes declare, statute, and ordayne, That in all time comming, no Intestment, nor Signature, shall pay Chamber Fee:

Except onlie Refignations of Lands holden of His Majestie. And that the duetie of the Chamber Fee to bee taken for the faydes Refignationes, shall bee equall, and proportionall unto the duetie and pryce due to the Privie Seale for the Landes which shall bee refigned. Commaunding heereby His Majesties Usheares, and their Deputies, appointed for colleeting of their sayde Fee: That they in no wayes violate this præsent Act: but conforme themselves thereunto in all pointes, as they will aunfwere upon their obedience. And that the Keeper of the Signet and Privie Seale, in no wayes staye nor hinder any Letter or Writte at their Seales, for alleadged not payment of the Chamber Fee, under payne of Deprivation.

Pryces set downe to the Procurators Fiscall, to bee taken heereafter for forming of Testamentes.

	OR Small Testamentes, wherein there is little Geare, and a meane Quote, xiii. shillinges, iiii. pennies. For Testamentes, wherein there is much Geare, and a great Quote, xx. shillinges.
以下	Quote, xx. shillinges.
	Testamentes of Earles, Lordes, and Great Barrones, for every

Pryces fet downe to the Commissarie Clerks, to be taken hereafter of all such Letters and Writtes as passe their Office.



NE Summondes (Ad Instantiam) with the Signer, viii. pennies. Ane libelled Summondes, not exceeding halfe a sheete of paper, compactlie written, ---- ii. shillinges. The libelled Summondes, exceeding halfe a sheete of paper, N

For pronouncing of Sentences in small Actions, of the avayle of twentie poundes, or within: which were wont to bee called Decreetes,

For Registring of the same, exceeding halfe a sheete paper, vi.sh.viii.d. The Extract thereof subscribed by the principall Clerke, halfe as much. The Transumpt of Evidentes, or Writinges, under the Seale of Of-

fice, _____ xiii. shillinges, iiii. pennies.

The Extracting of Processe, written compactile: each Lease on both the sides, _____ iii. Shillinges.

The Registring of a Testament, containing a sheet of paper.xxvi.sh.viii.d. And if it exceede a sheete, _____ xxxiii. shillinges, iiii. pennies.

Pryces set downe to the Shyreffe Clerkes, Steward and Bayllie Clerks, and Clerks of Regalitie: and to Clerks in Services, by Commission, to bee received by them, for all such Letters, Acts, and Writs, as passe their Offices.

OR a libelled Præcept, being formed by the Clerke, Sealed, and Subscribed; — xiii, thillinges, iiii. pennies.
And if it bee not formed by the Clerke, for the Subscribing and Sealing, — vi. shillinges, viii. pennies.
For a Præcept of arrestmet, with the seale therof, vi.sh. viii.d.

And the Lordes of Secrete Counsell expresselie prohibite, and discharge, THAT no Act of Revocation, nor Renunciation, bee received by Judiciall Compearance, without a Warrande in Writte, bearing Registration.

For Extract of the Revocation, or Renunciation, vi. shill. viii. pennies. For act and præcept of Continuation, in all causes, vi. shill. viii. penn. For ane act of Litis Contestation, with the præcept of Diligence, con-

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For a præcept to poynd, eject, and remoue, ---- x. shillinges. For deducing of a Processe, to serue a generall Heyre: and for extracting and sealing of the retour thereof, ---- xxx. shillinges.

For Inhibitions, and Relaxations, how long soever they bee, -xx. shill. For everie Sheete of all extracted Processes, which the Writer shall bee holden to wryte compactile, under payne to bee punished, incase hee sayle. -x. Shillinges.

Pryces set downe to the Clerkes of the Admiralitie, to bee taken heereafter, for all Letters, Acts, and Writtes, as passe that Office.



OR a libelled præcept, being formed and written by the Clerke, and sealed, and subscribed, — xiii. shill. iiii. pennies. And if it bee not formed by the Clerke, for the subscribing, and sealing thereof, — vi. shillings, viii. pennies. For the præcept of arrestment, with the seale there-

of, ______ vi. shillinges, viii. pennies.

For the act of lowsing of arrestment, ____ vi. shillinges, viii. pennies.

For an act and processe of continuation, in all causes. vi. shill. viii. pen.

For an act of Litis Contestation, with the præcept of diligence, containing a sheete of paper, or within, _____ x. shillinges.

And incase it be more than a sheer, that the payment exceed not xx.shill.

For booking and extracting of every Decreete, within a sheete of paper,

And for every halfe sheete more that exceedeth the first sheete, which the Lordes ordayne to bee compactile written, vi. shillinges, viii. penn.

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It is alwayes ordayned, and commaunded, the payment exceede not	by the faydes Lordes, That xl. Shillinges,
how long foever the Decreete bee.	
For a pracept to poynd, For everie Sheete of all extracted Processes holden to write compactile, under the	y, which the Writer shall bee payne to bee punished, in- x. shillinges.

Pryces set downe to the Keepers of the Secretaries Register, to bee taken heereafter, for all such Letters as passe that Office.

HE LORDES Of Secret Counsell, and Session, Commaund, and Ordayne the Clerkes, Keepers of the saydes Registers, of the Secretarie, That they, and everie one of them, conforme themselues in their pryces, to the Actes of Parliament made anent the pryces of such Letters, and Writtes, as passe through their Registers: And, That they in no wayes præsume to exceede the saydes pryces, under the payne of Deprivation.

Pryces set downe unto the Clerkes within Burgh, to bee taken beereafter, for all such Letters, Actes, and Writtes, as passe the Office of Common Clerkship within Burgh.

HE Clayme of Debt, in matters of small importance, xii.d. The Act of Court, The first Day, and all Actes, before Litis Contestation,
The Act of Interloguetor or Litis Contestation, xii pennies
The Actes of Probation, usque ad sententiam, Xii, pennics.
The Actes of Probation, usque ad sententiam, ————————————————————————————————————
Witnesses, —————————————————————————————————
And in great causes not to exceede - vi. shillings, viii. pennics.
The Extract thereof, vi. shillinges, viii. pennies.
In great causes, exceeding xl. poundes,
In great causes, exceeding xl. poundes, the clayme being made by libelled præcept, for every præcept for-
ming, and subscribing — vi. shillinges, viii. pennies. The Actes thereof, — xii. pennies. The Act of Interloquutor booking, — xii. pennies. The Extract thereof, — iii. shillinges, iiii. pennies.
The Actes thereof, — - xii. pennies.
The Act of Interloquitor booking, - xii.pennies.
The Extract thereof, iii. shillinges, iiii. pennies.
The Sentence pronouncing, and Booking —— vi. hillings, viii. pennies.
The extract of each theet thereof, compactlie written, vi. shill. viii. penn.
All the Actes in the Processe: everie Act xii. pennies.
The præcept of poynding, ii. shillinges.
The Booking of Goods compryfed by Officers, vi. shillinges, viii.pennies.
compactie written, viii thillinges viii pennies
Everie act thereof, vii. pennies.
Everie clayme of Injurie, which passeth not unto an Assyle, but Witnesses

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neffec evaminate thereupon	vii nenniee
neffes examinate thereupon, ————————————————————————————————————	xii. pennies.
Everie Dittie of Stroakes, and Blood, The Depositions of Witnesse: everie person	- All pennies.
Commission for examination of win of the other	Tudan with wiii d
Commission for examination of witnesse, direct to other	linges. vian. vin.d.
For proclayming of the Brieue, ———————————————————————————————————	inges, viii. pennies.
For indorting of the Brieue, ———————————————————————————————————	nillinges, ini. pennies.
For making of the clayme, in a generall service, iii.	hillings, iiii. pennies.
For making of the clayme in a speciall service, vi. sh	illinges, viii. pennies.
For the Acts of Objection, and Replies,	xii. pennies.
For Booking, and Extracting, of a generall service,	and directing of the
retour, —————	xx. shillinges.
For Booking and Extracting of a special service,	and directing of the
retour, for a tenement —	xxx. shillinges.
For two tenementes,	xl. shillinges.
And if there bee moe tenementes, the whole p	payment not to ex-
ceede — — — — — -	iii. poundes.
For an Instrument of Seasing upon a generell servi-	ce, — iii. poundes.
For an Instrument of Seasing upon a speciall service	iiii. pounds.
A Charter of Alienation,	xl. shillinges.
And for everie Land moe than one contayned in the	e Charter, vi.sh. viii.d.
Providing that the whole payment exceede not	
A Procuratorie of Refignation,	xxx. shillinges.
And for each Land moe than one contained in the Proc	uratorie. vi. sh. viii.d.
And the whole payment not to exceede, - xlvi.	
An Instrument of Resignation	- iii. poundes.
A Contract of Alienation, contayning a sheete of p	aper, -xx. shillinges.
And for everie shapete more than one,	x. shillings.
The Registring of everie sheete thereof,	x. shillinges.
The Extract, and Subscrybing, of everie sheete,	- x. shillings.
For a Reversion, written upon parchment,	xl. shillinges.
And incase of moe Landes, not to exceede - liji. It	nillinges, iiii, pennies.
The Booking, & Extracting, of everie theet, of whatfor	ever Contract, x. sh.
The Booking, & Extracting, of everie sheet, of whatso Charter parties, of each partie of two, — vi. shi Indentures of each partie of two, — vi. Shi Booking of Prentizes, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	llinges , viii. pennies.
Indentures of each partie of two vi. Shi	llinges, viii pennies.
Booking of Prentizes.	ii. shillinges.
The Extract thereof	ii. fhillinges.
Act of Creating of a Burgesse, and Extract thereof	- xii, shillinges
The Guilde Ticquets	xii. shillings.
The Guilde Ticquets, The Entrie of Ships and Boats, and extract thereof, iii.	Chillings, iiii pennies
and Later of the policy and tatale thereof, in.	11111112 5 3, mil 4 11111 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 1



HE LORDES Of Secret Counsell, and Session, Ordaynes and Commaundes, That no Processe bee granted before inferiour Judges in the first Summondes: but upon libelled Pracepts, and Citation of fifteene

dayes warning, conforme to the Act of Parliament.

And Ordaynes these prasents to bee published, and Imprinted.

ATTOUR, Our Soveraine Lorde, with consent foresayde, hath [simpliciter] discharged the whole Subjectes and Lieges of this Realme, of all such by-gone penaulties, unlawes, and punishmentes, which they, or anie of them haue incurred thorow breaking and violating of the sayde Act of Counsell in anie time by gone, præceeding the date hereos: and decernes the same, to bee of strength, force, and effect, against the Trans-

greffours thereof, in all time comming onely.

AND FURTHER, Our Soveraine Lord, with consent fore-fayde, Giveth, and graunteth, full Power and Commission, Unto the Lordes of His Highnesse Privie Counsell, To take Order for setting downe, and appoynting of such particular pryces, as are omitted to be set downe by the sayde Act of Counsell. And whatsoever the saydes Lordes of Privie Counsell, shall determine, and ordayne, in the præmisses, Decernes the same to have the strength and sorce of an Act of Parliament, in all time thereafter.

ACT XX.

Act, ordayning Annuell-rent to bee due after Horning.



IIR SOVERAINE LORD, and ESTES of Parliament, Confidering the great prajudice which diverse of His Majesties Lieges sustayne by the want of their money, lent and given foorth upon Band, or Contract, or other wayes justile owing unto them, by their Debtors: who having used all Execution competent to them by Lawe, against their Debtors, by Charging, and putting of

them to the Horne: are forced, after manie yeares, to receive their principall summe, and penaultie, without any satisfaction of their Annuell-rent, and Interesse of their money, in the meane time. Which, as it is a præjudice unto the true Creditors; So it is an occasion to the Debtors to contemne His Majesties Charges, and Letters of Horning: who resolve in ende to pay no more for reliefe of the Horning, after many yeares

delay, than they were oblished unto at the beginning.

FOR Remeide whereof, His Majestie, with advise and consent of the Estates of Parliament, Statuteth, and Ordayneth, That whensoever any person is denounced Rebell, and put to the Horne, for not payment of summes of money, owing by him, by Band, Contract, or otherwayes: That after the sayde Denounciation, the sayde person so denounced, shall bee subject in payment of Annuell-rent for the saydes summes for the which hee is put to the Horne, and that of all yeares and tearmes from the date of the sayde Denounciation, upto the time of the payment of the same: and that notwithstanding there bee no paction, nor condition of annuell-rent made betwixt the saydes parties, which may binde the sayde partie, who is denounced Rebell, unto the payment thereof. And such persons as are nowe standing Rebells, and at the Horne, This Act shall not worke against them, (quo ad praterita,) But shall have strength and sorce against them in time comming, From the Feast of Martinmesse next in this instant yeare of GOD, one thousand, sixe hundreth, twentie and

one yeares: and they shall begin to bee subject in payment of annuellrent at that time, and yearlie and tearmlie thereafter, untill the payment of the principall summe.

ACT XXI.

Anent Servants, going lowfe, and leaving their Masters fervice.



IIR SOVERAINE LORD, And ESTATES OF Parliament, Understanding the great Straytes and Necessities, wherunto the poore Labourers of the Ground are driven, and constrayned: Especiallie by the fraude and malice of Servants, who eyther results to be hyred, without great and extraordinarie Wages promised unto them: Or otherwayes hyre themselves onely from Mertin-

messe to Whitsonday: after the which Tearme of Whitsonday, they cast themselves lowie, of purpose and intention, to make their Gayne and advantage by the extraordinary Workes which befall in that Season, betwixt Whitsonday and Martinmesse: Such as casting, and winning of Peates, Turfs, Fewell, Divots, building of Folde Dykes, Shearing in the Harvest. For doing whereof, they know the saydes Husband men, who have necessarily adoe therewith, will bee forced to hyre them at daylie and weekely Wages, and such high rate, as they please, to the great harme of the Labourers of the Ground, and all His Majesties Subjects.

Remeide whereof, It is statuted, and ordayned, That it shall not bee lawfull for any hyred Servant, from Martinmesse to Whitfondaye, To leave his Master at the sayde Tearme of Whitsondaye, and to runne lowse in that service: Except hee bee able to verifie to the Justice of Peace, or Constable of the Boundes, That hee is hyred unto an other Master, from the sayde Feast of Whitsonday, to Martinmesse thereafter. And if it bee founde, that hee is not hyred to an other Master: Then, and in that case, It is declared, That it shall bee lawfull unto his præsent Master to keepe, and detayne him, from the sayde Feast of Whitfonday, unto Martinmesse, for payment to him of such Wages as hee payed unto him of before. And if hee refuse to serue, that the Justice of Peace shall have power to compell him thereunto. And if the fayde Servant of the qualitie forefayde, breake lowfe from his Master, It shall bee lawfull for his Master to take and apprehende him, wheresoever hee findeth him, and præsent him unto the Constable, or Justice of Peace, upon the ground where hee shall bee found; who shall have power to compell the Servant to returne unto his former Master, (if it bee found that hee bee Masterlesse, and none otherwayes.)

AND Such like, His Majestie, and Estates, findes, and declares, That it shall bee lawfull unto all His Majesties Lieges, who have necessarilie adoe with Labour, To take, apprehende, and employe, in their Works, whatsoever lowse and Masterlesse Men, and Women, whom they shall find within their owne Bounds. And such like, that the Justices of Peace, and Constable, shall have power, at the Instance and desire of whatsoever person His Majesties Lieges, To force, and compell all, and whatsoever lowse Men and Women, to serve for competent hyre and

Wages.

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Anent Counterfeyting and making of false Writtes.



OR Eschewing the daunger wherein manie of His Majesties Lieges stand, by counterseyting and falsisying of Evidentes: IT IS Statuted, and Ordayned, THAT Whosoever maketh & useth a false Writ, or is accessory to the making thereof, shall bee punished, with the paynes due unto committers of falsehood. AND It shall not bee lawfull for any person, counterseyter, falssier, or

accessorie, whatsoever, To declare in Judgement, that hee passeth from the Writ quarrelled of Falsehood. But if after the tryall, the Writ quarrelled bee found false, the passing from, or declaration of the partie, that hee will not use the same, shall no wayes free him from the punishment which is due unto those who commit falsehood.

ACT XXIII.

A generall Pardon, for deedes done against penall Statutes: (some few excepted) And a Discharge of James Cranston his Commission.



of this præsent Parliament, Considering the Complaint made by the Barrons, Shyrefs, Stewards, Bayllies, and other Free-holders within this Kingdome, concerning the daunger which all Our Soveraine Lords Lieges doe daylie underlye, for having transgressed penall Statutes, which have a Pecuniall, or arbitrarie payne adjected

Commissions unto private persons, for execution of the same Statutes, which hath beene used amongst the common people, at sundry times, with intolerable rigour, and exaction, of before: HAUE discharged, freelie pardoned, and remitted: DISCHARGES, Freelie pardones, and remittes, all contraveners of anie of the saydes penall Statutes, for all deedes done by them contrarie to the tenor of the same Statutes, in times by gone. Except onlie the Statutes concerning wearing and bearing of Hagbuts and Pistolets: Taking of unlawfull Usurie: Transporting of Money and Golde: And slaying of red and blacke Fish: Which are no wayes discharged by this præsent Statute, nor comprehended heereintill.

AS ALSO, Our sayde Soveraine Lord, with advise and consent of the saydes Estates, Statutes, and declares, That heereaster Commission for putting of penall Statutes to execution, shall onely bee granted unto honest men, of good qualitie: who shall bee sufficientlie authorized by the Lordes of Secret Counsell, for discharging of their Office. And absolutelie discharges in time comming, James Cranston, his Deputies, or Officers, to call, or conveine any person, or persons, for slaying of red or blacke Fish. And from hencesoorth declares, The power of his Commission granted unto him to that effect, to bee quite extinguished, and abolished.

ACT XXIIII.

Anent Evidents past the Great Seale, which are not registrated:



Of Parliament, understanding, That there are sundrie Insestments, and other Writs, which passe His Highnesse Great Seale, That in time by gone, after the expeading thereof, and appending of the Seale thereunton Haue, thorow the over-sight, and negligence of the Re-

ceivers thereof, in the not returning of the same to the Director of His Highnesse Chancellarie, and his Deputies, Bene omitted, to bee registrated, in their Bookes and Registers appoynted for that effect. And considering, that the not Registration of the same Infestments and Writs, tendeth to the great hurt and præjudice of the persons unto whom the same

are granted, and petraine.

THEREFORE, Our sayde Soveraine Lord, and Estates of Parliament, for remeide heereof, Statutes, and ordaynes, THAT in time comming, when any Infefrment, or other Writ, or Evident, which pafleth His Highnesse Great Seale, shall bee formed and written by the Dis rector of his Highnesse Chancellarie, or his Deputies. The same after the writing thereof, shall bee delivered by them unto the partie, Ingiver of the laydes Infestments, or other Writs forelayds: To the effect hee may get His Highnesse Great Seale thereunto appended. At the deliverie whereof, the partie receiver of the fame, shall only bee holden, and aftricted to pay at that tyme to the Director of the Chancellarie, or his Deputes, That one halfe of the pryces allowed unto him, by the Booke of Rates for writing of Evidents to the Great Scale: And that only in confideration of the paines taken in forming and writing of the faids writtes and Evidents, without paying before-hand the other halfe of the faids pryces, which heerby is appoynted to bee referved vnpayed whill the same bee registrat in maner after mentioned. Which Inferments and Evidents being delyuered to the Keeper of the great Seale, and hee having appended the same Seale thereto, and being satisfied of the pryce dew to him therefore: Ordeines the Keeper of the greate Seale, to returne and redeliver the same Infestment, or other Writ foresayde, so sealed by him, backe againe, to the Director of His Highnesse Chancellarie, or his Deputies: To the effect the same Insestments, Evidents, or other Writs forefaydes, may bee registrated by him, in the Registers and Bookes appointed for that effect. Which being so registrated, Ordaynes the Dire-Gor of His Highnesse Chancellarie, and his Deputies: To deliver the same to the partie: Hee being satisfied of the other halfe of the price forefayde, retayned by the partie, and unpayed by him, at the time of the writing of the fayds Evidents to the Great Seale, as due for the registration thereof, in manner aboue written.

AND ALSO, Our sayde Soveraine Lord, Statutes, and Ordaynes, all, and whatsoever persons, who have any Insestments, Writs, or Securities, graunted unto them, and alreadie past the Great Seale, and which are not as yet registrated, to returne the same backe againe, unto

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the Director of His Highnesse Chancellarie, within the space of a yeare after the publication of this præsent Act: To the effect the saydes Infestments, and Writs, may bee registrated by the sayde Director of His Highnesse Chancellarie, and his Deputies: and that gratis, and without any payment to bee given unto him therefore.

ACT XXV.

Anent Banquetting, and Apparell.



UR SOVERAINE LORD, And ESTATES Of Parliament, Considering the great hurt comming unto this Countrey, by the superfluous usage of unnecessarie Sumptuousnesse in Meat, Apparell, and otherwayes: and that by all sorts of people, promiscuously, without distinction of persons, of rankes or qualitie. For repressing the sayde abuse in time comming, Doe Statute, and Ordayne, THAT None Of Our Soveraine Lords Lieges, of whatsoever qualitie or degree, shall weare any Cloathing

of Golde or Silver Cloath, or any Golde or Silver Lace upon their Apparels, or any part of their Bodies hereafter. And that no manner of person shall have any Apparell of Velvet, Sattin, or other Stuss of Silke, except Noble-Men, Lordes of Parliament, Prælates, His Majesties Counsellers, Lords of Session, Barrons, of qualitie, having of free yearly Rent sourescore Chalders Victuall, or sixe thousand Marks of Silver: and the Provests of the principall Burrowes, within this Kingdome, or those who have beene Provests: with such also as shall happen to bee, or have beene, Provests, Bayllies, Deane of Guilde, and Thesaurer, within the Towne of Edinburgh: Excepting also Rectors of Universities.

AND IT IS Statuted, and Ordained, That these persons which are permitted to weare the sayds Apparelling of Silke, shall no wayes have Embrodring, or any Lace or Passements upon their Cloathes: except only a plaine Welting Lace of Silke upon the Seames, or Borders of their Cloathes: with Belts, and Hat-bands, embrodred with Silke: and such like, That the sayde Apparell of Silke bee no wayes cut out upon other Stuss of Silke: except upon a single Tassatie. AND, that the Wives of the sayds priviledged persons, their eldest Sonnes, and eldest Daughters, unmarried, and the Children of all Noble Men, bee licentiate to weare their Apparell in manner aforesayd only, under the payne of a thousand pounds, (Toties, Quoties.)

2. ITEM, That no person, of whatsoever degree, shall have Pearling, or Ribbening, upon their Russes, Sarkes, Napkins, and Sockes: Except the persons before priviledged. And the Pearling, and Ribbening, to bee so worne by them, (if any bee) to bee of those made within the Kingdome of SCOTLAND, under the payne of an hundreth poundes, toties, quoties.

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- 3. ITEM, That none weare upon their Heads, or Buskings, anie Feathers. And notwithstanding, It is permitted, That anie person may weare Chaines, or other Golde Smiths Worke, having no Stones, nor Pearles, within the same. And that no person weare anie Pearles, nor precious Stones: Except the persons before priviledged: under the payne of a thousand Marks, to be payed by the contraveners, stoties, quoties.)
- 4. And It is statuted, That no person, nor persons, (Except the priviledged persons foresayd) weare Lanes, or Cambricke. And that no person whatsoever, weare upon their Bodies, Tissnies, Cobwebbe, Lanes, or Slyres, under the payne of an hundreth pounds, (toties, quoties.)
- 5. Neverthelesse, The Kinges Majestie, Prince, and their ordinarie House-holde servauntes, are exeemed from this Act, and all the clauses thereof.
- 6. It is moreover statuted, That no Servants, Men or Women, weare any Cloathing, except those that are made of Cloath, Fusteons, Canves, or stuffs, made in the Countrey. And that they shall have no silke upon their Cloathes: Except silke Buttons, and Button-holes: and silke Garters, without pearling, or roles, under the payne of an hundreth Marks, (toties, quoties.)
- 7. It is alwayes declared, That it may bee lawfull for them to weare their Masters, or Mistresses, olde Cloathes.
 - 8. It is hereby ordayned, That no Coaches bee guilded with Golde.
- 9. It is also declared, That Heraults, Pursevants, and likewise Trumpetters, bee exeemed from this Act.
 - 10. Item, It is such like statuted, That Minstrels bee exeemed.
- fons foresayds, use Damaske Naprie, brought from beyonde Sea, under the payne of an hundreth pounds, (toties, quoties.)
- at the death of any Earle or Countesse, but twentie soure at the most: Or for ane Lord of Parliament, or ane Lords wyse, but Sixteene onely, and for all other Priviledged persons before named, twelfe at the most: And that none (except the priviledged persons) have any honours caryed, and these according to their qualities; and that no deule weedes be given to Heraulds, Trumpetters, or Saullies, Except by the Earls & Lords, & their wives. And the number of the Saullies to bee according to the number of the deule weeds, vnder the paine of ane thousand pounds, (toties, quoties.)
- fently used, not to bee chaunged by men or women, and the wearers thereof: under the payne of forfaultrie of the cloathes, and of an hundreth

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pounds, to bee payed by the wearers, And as much by the makers of the saydes cloathes, (toties, quoties.)

- 14. It is Ordayned, That no Castor Hats bee used nor worne, but by the priviledged persons: under the payne of an hundreth poundes, (toties, quoties.)
- 15. It is farther inacted, That no cloathes shall bee made after the publication of the Act, but according to the manner and condition before expreemed. And that none of the former discharged Cloathing be worne by no person after Martinmesse, the yeare of GOD, one thousande, sixe hundreth, twentie, and three yeares: under the paynes [respective] about set downe, (toties, quoties.)
- of the Ground, weare no Cloathing, but Grayes, Whyte, Blew, and selfe Blacke Cloath, made in SCOTLAND: And that their Wives and Children weare the like: under the payne of source poundes, (toties, quoties.)
- 17. JT JS Further Statuted, and Ordayned, That no person use anie maner of Desert of Wette and Dry Consections, at Banquetting, Marriages, Baptismes, Feastings, or any Meales: Except the Fruites growing in SCOTLAND: As also Figs, Reasins, Plumbe-damies, Almonds, and other unconsected Fruites: under the payne of a thousand Markes, (toties, quoties.) Excepting such like the use of the foresayde forbidden Consections, to bee lawfull for the entertaynment of His Majestie, Prince, and their Trayns, being within the Countrey, and for Ambassadours, or Strangers of great qualitie.
- 18. And It Is Statuted moreover, That no person, of whatsoever qualitie, use any Feasting at Burialls, or offer of other Meats, except Bread and Drinke. As likewise, no person use any eating or drinking at Night-wakings, or Lieke-wakes: under the payne of a thousand Markes, (toties, quoties.)

ACT XXVI.

Anent Thaicking of Houses in Edinburgh, with Sklaite and Skaillie.



UR SOVERAINE LORD. And ESTATES Of this præsent Parliament, Considering, that sundrie persons of meane qualitie, acquire unto themselues the heretable Right of sundrie ruinous Landes, and Wastes, within the Towne of Edinburgh. And for want of meanes to builde the same sufficiently, thatckes the same

with Strawe, and Deales. Whereby the Landes next adjacent unto the same, builded upon the great charges and expences of the heretors, are often times brought in great hazard, and sometime to decay, in time of sudden Fyre. THEREFORE, and for surther decoration

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of the fayde Burgh, being the Head-Burgh of this Realme, Our Soveraine Lord, with confent of the faydes Estates, Statutes, and Ordaynes, That in all time to come, no manner of person, nor persones, shall bee suffered, or permitted, to builde anie Houses within the sayde Burgh of Edinburgh: but such as shall bee covered with Sklait, or Skaillie, Lead, Tylde, or Thacke-stone. A N D also, Statutes, and Ordaynes, That the heretors of such houses as are alreadie thaicked with Thacke and Straw, (if the same Thacke, and Straw Roofs, shall hereaster at any time become ruinous) shall bee astricted to thaicke the same againe with Sklaite, or Skaillie, Lead, Tylde, or Thacke-stone. A N D, Ordaynes Letters of Horning to bee directed hereupon, against the heretors of the saydes Landes, in some as effeires. A N D such like, Ordaynes the Provest and Bayllies of the sayde Burgh, To put this Act to Execution.

ACT XXVII.

Anent Comprising from apparent Heyres, extended as well unto Mens owne Debts, as their Pradecessours.



UR SOVERAINE LORD, And EST TATES of this præsent Parliament, Ratisses, approues, and confirmes, the 106. Act of the seaventh Parliament of King JAMES the sisth, of worthie memorie: Intituled, The Creditor may persue him, who is charged to enter, and entereth not, in all the Heads,

Articles, and Clauses thereof. With the Addition and Explanation following: THAT The same shall be extended unto Debtes owing by anie person himselfe, as well as to those which were addebted by his Prædecessors. For the which Debt, it shall bee as lawfull for a Creditor, to charge any person to enter Heyre to his prædecessor, and with the like Certification, as if the prædecessor had beene debtor thereintill. Whereupon Comprising may sollowe in manner specified, in the sayde Act.

ACT XXVIII.

Anent taking of Annuell-rent before-hand, to bee V furie.



UR SOVERAINE LORD, and ESTATES of this præsent Parliament, Considering, that notwith-standing usuite, and taking unlawfull Annuell, more than ten for each hundreth, hath beene by sundry Acts of before, discharged, and forbidden: Yet it hath bene usuall, by an evill and corrupt custome, to take, or retayne, the Annuell-rent, the time of the borrowing the

Money: Which in effect is eleven of each hundreth at least. FOR Avoyding whereof, Statutes, and Ordaynes, That no person, who lendes, or gives out Money, and receives Annuell therefore, shall retayne the time of the lending, exact, crave, or receive, from their Debtors, the Annuell of their lent summes, untill the Tearme of payment, appoynted by their Bandes, bee sirst come. And it shall bee lawfull, at the time of

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lending of Money, and making of Bandes, to adde the Annuell unto the principall Summe: Providing alwayes, neyther principall nor annuell bee exacted, or craved, before the Tearme of payment appointed to the sayde Band. And the Contraveiners of this præsent Statute, shall bee punified as unlawfull Usurers.

ACT XXIX.

Ratification of the AEt of Secret Counsell, Against Backsters, Browsters, Fleshers, and Candle-makers of Edinburgh.



IIR SOVERAINE LORD, With Advise and Consent of the ESTATES of this præfent Parliament, By the Tenor hereof, Ratisses, Approves, and Consirmes, The Act of Secret Counsell, of the date the seaventeenth day of Februarie, one thousand, sixe hundreth, and eighteene yeares: Made, and set downe, by His Majestie, With Consent of the Lordes of His Highnesse Secret Counsent of the Lordes of His Highnesse Secret Counse

fell, against the Backsters, Browsters, Fleshers, Candle-makers, and others therein contayned, In-dwellers within Edinburgh: With the Publication and Proclamation following thereupon, In all, and sundrie Heads, Points, Passages, Circumstances, and others, specified thereintill: conforme to the Tenor thereof, in all Points. AND Willes, and Declares, The same to have beene, in all time by-gone, since the making and publication thereof: And to bee, and stand, in all time comming, good, valiable, and effectuall in the selfe: and to have the due, benefite, and execution thereof, conforme thereunto: Against all who have transgressed: or shall happen to transgresse, and contraveine the Tenor of the same. Whereof the Tenor followeth:

Apud Edinburgh, Decimo septimo Die Mensis Februarii, Anno Domini Millesimo, Sexcentesimo, Decimo octavo.



OR AS MUCH, As The Kinges Majestie, And Lordes of His Privie Counsell, Considering the daungerous and searfull abuse, which hath beene of continuance these manie yeares by-gone, within the Burgh of Edinburgh, by the Tolerance, Connivance, and Over-sight, which hath beene given unto Backsters, Browsters, and others, to builde, and keepe, Stackes of Hather, Broome, Whinnes, and

other Fewell, in the Heart of the sayde Burgh, and in the Vennalles and Cloasses of the same: Where sundrie of His Majesties good Subjectes, Inhabitantes of the sayde Burgh, haue, with great Charges, and Expences, builded manie goodlie Houses, and Buildinges: to you Credite of the sayde Burgh, and for the Policie and Decoration of the same. By the which Stackes of Hather, Broome, Whinnes, and or her Fewell, builded, and kept, within the sayde Burgh, not onely are the Neyghboures of the

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next adjacent partes thereunto, holden in continuall feare, and dreadour. and are in verie great hazard, and daunger, if eyther by negligence, or wilfull malice, (as GOD forbid) Fyre shoulde bee set in the saydes Stackes: as fell out by the fyring of some Stackes in Peibles Wynde, in the 1584. yeare of GOD. But a great number of People, who are inclined, and disposed, to bestowe some parte of their estate upon building within the fayde Burgh, are with-holden therefrom, for feare of the fayds Stackes. And besides this abuse, which is both fearfull, daungerous, and hath produced manie inconvenients and great Skaith, from time to time, to the fayde Burgh: there is another shamefull abuse therein: which although it bee not altogether so fearfull and dangerous as the other, yet it is noyfome to the whole civile and honest Neyghboures, and to all the Nobilitie, and Countrey people, which come hither for their private adoes: And with that, it is detestable in the fight of Strangers, corrupteth the Aire, and carrieth manie difgracefull, and shamefull imputations against the sayde Burgh, as being a puddle of filth and filthinesse: To wit, the over-fight which is given unto Candle-makers, to keepe their Shoppes and honses where they melt their Tallone, and Cracklinges, within the Heart of the fayde Burgh: And to Fleshers, to keepe their Slaughter Shoppes within the Towne, and to tuime the filth of the flaughtered Goods upon the high Streetes, and in open Vennalles, and Cloaffes: whereby it often times falleth out, that in mame Streetes and Vennalles of the fayde Burgh, the filth of flaughtered Goods is in fuch aboundance exposed unto the view of the people: and the Cloasses and Streets are so filled therewith, as there can no passage be had thorow the fame. FOR removing of the which two Abuses, so daungerous and disgracefull to the sayde Burgh, The Kinges Majestie, with advise of the Lordes of His Secret Counsell, hath resolved, concluded, commaunded, and ordayned, That from the first day of May next to come, there shall bee no Stackes of Hather, Broome, Whinnes, nor other Fewell, kept, nor fuffered to bee in anie of the Vennalles, Wyndes, or Cloaffes of the fayde Burgh, nor within Houses, nor upon the Streetes of the same: and that no Fleshers shall bee suffered, by themselues, their servauntes, or others in their names, to keepe anie Slaughter-houses within this Burgh, nor in anie Wynde, Cloase, or Vennall of the same: nor to tuine the bloode and filth of their flaughtered Goodes upon the Streetes, or in Cloaffes, or Vennalles: Nor that no Candle-makers keepe their melting Houses within the sayde Burgh: But that the saydes Stackes of Hather, Broome, Whinnes, and other Fewell, shall bee carried, and set at some remote partes of the fayde Burgh, beside the Portes, Walles, or North-Loch fide, where there are no Houses: And that the saydes Fleshoures shall provide themselues of Slaughter houses, at the North Loch side, where they may have the use of the water for the away-taking of the filth of their flaughter Goodes: And that the Candle-makers provide themselues of houses, for melting of their Tallone and Cracklinges, at some remote partes of the Towne, from the common streetes, cloasses, and vennalles of the same: A N D Ordaynes Letters to bee directed, to make publication hereof, by open proclamation, at the Market Crosse of Edinburgh: wherethorow none prætende ignorance of the same: and to command, charge, and inhibite, all and fundrie persons, Inhabitantes Q 3

within the fayde Burgh, of what Trade or Calling foever they bee: That they, nor none of them, nor none by their command, and direction. Found, build, or keepe any Stackes, or ruckes, of Hather, Broome, Whinnes, or other Fewell, within anie of the Cloasses, Vennalles, or waste places of the fayde Burgh, nor within their houses: And that they remove the Stackes which they alreadie haue, and builde the same at some remote places, about the Portes and Walles of the fayde Burgh, where there are no houses, or at the North Loch side: Betwixt and the sayd first day of May, next to come: under the payne of Confiscation of the same Hather, Broome, and Whinnes, so to bee stacked, against the meaning and intent of this A&, and turther: under the payne of fine hundreth poundes, to bee payed by them, so oft as they shall happen to fayle. And such like, to commaund all and fundrie Fleshours, Inhabitantes within the sayde Burgh, That they prepare themselues of Slaughter-houses, at the North Loch syde: where they may have the commoditie of water for their use: and that they in no wife præsume, nor take upon hand, after the fayde day, to tuine the filth, or blood of their flaughtered Goods, upon the streetes, nor in the vennalles, cloasses, and wyndes of this Burgh. As also, To charge all Candle-makers, That they, betwixt and the day forefayde, provide themselues of houses, for melting of their Tallone, and Cracklinges, at some remote partes of the Towne, from the common streetes, cloasses, and vennalles of the same : Under the payne of fine hundreth poundes money, to bee incurred by everie person, Fleshour, or Candle-maker, so often as they shall fayle. AND fuch like, to command, and charge the Provest and Bayllies of Edinburgh, That they have a speciall care and regarde, to see this præsent Act to bee præcisclie and inviolablie kept: as they will aunswere to His Majestie, and the saydes Lordes, upon the duetifull discharge of their Office.

ACT XXX.

Act restrayning the buying and selling of certaine wilde Forcles.



UR SOVERAINE LORD, with Advise and Consent of the ESTATES of Parliament, Considering the great abuse and libertie, which hath beene used these diverse yeares by-gone, by the Subjectes of this Realme, In buying and selling of Wylde Fowles, of the particular spaces sollowing: To wit, Of Pouttes, Pairtrickes, Muire-fowles, Blacke-cockes, Graye-hennes, Termigantes,

Quayllies, Caperkayllies, &c. FOR Restrayning of which abuse in time comming, Our Soveraine Lord, with advise and consent foresaydes, Statutes, and Ordaynes, That no person whatsoever within this Realine, præsume, nor take upon hand, to buy nor sell, at anie time hereaster, anie VVylde Fowles of the spaces foresayde: under the payne of an hundreth poundes money, to bee incurred by the contravener thereof, buyer or seller. A N D Ordaynes this præsent Act to have the strength and sorce of an Act of Parliament, to bee inviolablic observed in all time hereaster, aye, and while the same bee lawfullie discharged, or altered.

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ACT XXXI.

Anent Hunting, and Haulking:



of this præsent Parliament, Statutes, and Ordaynes, That no man Hunt nor Hault at anie time heereaster, who hath not a Plough of Land in Heritage: under the payne of an hundreth poundes: ORDAINES His Maje-

stie to have the one halfe of the Penaultie of the Contraveners of this præsent Act: and the Dilator to have the other halfe of the sayde Penaultie.

ACT XXXII.

Anent the harrying of Haulke Nests, and Hunting in Snow.



UR SOVERAINE LORD, And ESTATES Of this præsent Parliament, Ratisses, and Approues, the Act of Parliament made by King JAMES the Third, of worthic memorie, in the seaventh Parliament, Anent the unlaw of stealing of Haulkes, Houndes, Pairtrickes, and Duickes: in all and sundrie Poynts, Heads,

Articles, and Clauses thereof. With this Addition, That the payne and penaultie of ten poundes therein contayned: SHALL BEE Now in all time comming augmented against the contraveners of the sayde Act: Under the payne of an hundreth poundes money of this Realme. AND ALSO, Ratisses, and approues, all Actes of Parliament, made of before by His MAJESTIES moste Noble Progenitoures, Anent the slaying and hunting of Hares, Does, and Rhoes, in time of Snow: And Statutes, and Ordaynes, the payne and penaultie against the contraveners thereof: to bee under the payne of an hundreth poundes money, (toties, quoties) as they shall happen to contravene the same. And ordaynes the one halse of the payne to bee incurred by the contraveners of this præsent Act, to bee given unto His Majestie: and the other halse to the persons Dilators of the contraveners of the same.

ACT XXXIII.

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OR AS MUCH, As in this præsent Session of Parliament there are many Ratifications and Acts, in Favoures of particular persons past: wherein diverse and new Clauses are insert, which may bee præjudiciall to particular parties rights, and derogative unto many and sundry Lawes, lawsfully made, and established of before: Albeit the meaning of the ESTATES bee at this time, as it was ever in all præceeding Parliaments, That by no Act of Ratification, or Act graunted unto any particular person, any other partie should bee hurt, or præjudged. FOR Remeid whereof, It is Statuted, and Ordayned, That no Ratification, nor other Act, made in Favours of any particular person, shall bee præjudiciall to any private parties right: But that the saydes Ratifications and Actes, made in Favours of particular persons bee alwayes understoode, SALVO JURE CUJUSLIBET.

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82 Ratification in favoures of the Towne of Elgin.

84 Acceptation by the Parliament, of the Offer made by the extraordinarie Lordes of Session, anent their Taxation.

84 An Act, and Commission, granted by Parliament, upon the Offer made by the Advocates, and other Members of the Colledge of Instice, anent their Taxation.

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